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Love Your Library

By Jean Perry

Before smartphones, before computers, before iPads, the Internet and Google, there was the library. There was the card catalog and the Dewey Decimal System. There were encyclopedias, dictionaries, and thesauruses that had mass and density, and you had to use your fingers to flip through actual paper pages, not pages that are swiped aside and scrolled down with the touch of one finger.

Once upon a time, there was a huge wooden desk with a mature matronly woman seated behind it, and she would shush the teenagers at the tables who were talking instead of researching books for a science report or reading for their book reports, which would be handwritten with pencils on lined paper instead of on a computer and graded with a red pen instead of in a virtual file.

The librarian was respected, revered – feared! And when I would return all my books on time in good condition, placing them on the book return end of that huge wooden desk, I'd feel proud and validated at the smile she'd give me.

Back then, there wasn't much else in that library except for the various rooms of books on shelves sectioned by category, the huge wooden desk, the stern librarian, scattered tables and chairs, the illustrious Dewey Decimal System-sorted card catalog, and perhaps a globe, a bust or two of famous authors, and a few potted plants that lived there.

I can still hear the vintage *ka-chunk* of that

On the Cover: Love, Literally – Saturday was “Take Your Child to the Library Day” at the Plumb and Mattapoisett Libraries, the chance for library staff to hopefully cultivate the beginning of a lifelong love of reading. Next Wednesday is also Valentine’s Day, the perfect time to fall in love with your favorite book again – that one you read over and over again during different phases of your life. In the Mattapoisett Library’s poetry section, the photographer has fashioned a Valentine from a book containing the complete works of Walt Whitman, with the pages open to one of Whitman’s several editions of her favorite book “Leaves of Grass.” Photo by Jean Perry

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Gaylord's Charging Machine as the librarian would slide the card into the slot to stamp the due date before sliding the card back into the pocket of the last page at the back of the book.

Ah, the magic of the library. I still get high off the sights, smells, and sounds of my memory that is in a way its own sensory library of sorts. Some rooms in my house look somewhat like a vintage library and, like a true geek, I even have candles throughout with scents titled “Old Books,” “Oxford Library,” and “Book Cellar,” which not only embodies that rounded scent of old books, wooden shelves, and a slight perfumey vanilla, but also contains just a hint of musty air to make it vintage legit.

Just about the only thing I never liked about the library is that I had to return the books after I read them.

Around two-thirds of the population has a library card, and there are still more public libraries in the United States than Starbucks, according to the American Library Association – that's 17,566 libraries including branches. Furthermore, 100 percent of libraries provide Wi-Fi access and maintain no-fee access to computers.

The library is no longer limited to what it used to be, which is a message that modern-day librarians want everyone to know. Libraries are filled with more than books, desks, busts, and potted plants.

If you happened to be in the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, like many parents and caregivers with

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their kids were this past Saturday, you would have noticed that those open spaces are now imaginative play spaces with a train table, puppet stage, Legos, and tiny desks with computers featuring educational games. Or if you were at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, you would have seen that the space once taken up by the card catalog is now occupied with computers.

"Take Your Child to the Library Day" is like a free, fun jackpot for families and kids, with library staff coordinating a tight lineup of imaginative, engaging events that offer the library patron (and prospective patron) a condensed taste of the contemporary offerings of a library.

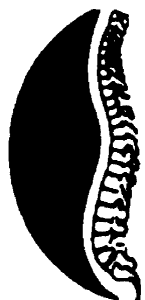
In Tri-Town, hardly anyone attracts a crowd to an event like the Toe Jam Puppet Band, so when Mr. Vinny appears at Plumb Library for a solo shadow puppet performance, they come in droves.

"This year we brought in Mr. Vinny. He's known for bringing in a good audience," said Plumb Library Assistant Lisa Fuller.

Also invited that day was the library's new reading mascot – Amos the reading greyhound – and the day featured other events like a mystery missing book hunt and crafts. Kids received a raffle ticket for each event they stayed for, which they could enter to win any of four prizes.

"This year, the challenge was to try to keep people at the library longer and stay for the day," said Fuller. The more events the kids stayed for, the more chances they'd get to win prizes, and the more opportunities the library staff got to make available resources at the library known to the public – in other words, it was the library's day to shine.

Fuller said she wants the public to feel like the library is their community hub and a safe, happy place to



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"It's not just a place where you can check out books," Fuller said, adding that the library also offers interesting items to check out like a ukulele, snowshoes, and a telescope, among other things.

Fuller was sporting the library's new T-shirt that features the slogan "A Little Library with a Big Impact" and can be purchased by anyone wishing to promote the library's message while helping to fund its free educational events coordinated by the Friends of the Plumb Library, of which additional members are needed, said Fuller.

"Anything where funds are expended are provided by the Friends," said Fuller. "For us to have programs, that's who funds it for us."

Over in Mattapoisett, kids were lining up for their turn to watch Chip Rascal fashion them their very own balloon art, which in most cases took the form of a colorful balloon sword, the most popular balloon art request.

The children's library was the fun hub of the day,



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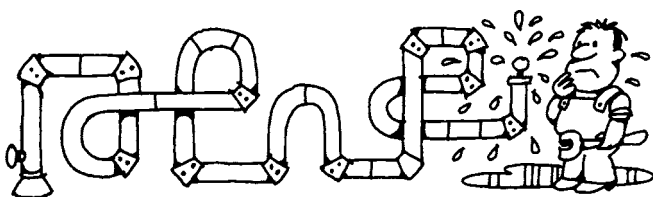
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with all ages exploring the library's offerings that are both fun and educational – and of course, free to all.

"We're here today to promote the library and the idea of valuing the library," said Children's Librarian Jeanne McCullough. "But we also like to let people know what we're doing here in *their* library. It's nice to see so many people come out."

The library has expanded many of its book collections, said McCullough, especially adding books that focus on nurturing the social-emotional wellbeing of children.

In addition to a collection of cake pans, a sewing machine, bike, and metal detectors, the library also allows patrons to use its 3D printer. Library staff are trained to assist with working the 3D printer, which can be used for a small cost of covering the materials.

The 21st century library indeed fulfills the changing needs of the population during a time of rapid technological evolution, while still continuing to offer us all the quiet respite we need from the e-world noise and a silent spot inside the sanctuary that will always be your public library.

National Expert Teaches Kids Online Safety

By Jean Perry

When 99 percent of a group of sixth graders under age 13 admits to having either a Snapchat or Instagram social media account, which by law requires an app user to be at least 13 years of age, you quickly understand why Katie Greer does what she does.

Greer, a nationally recognized digital safety expert and member of the Advisory Board for the Internet Keep Safe Coalition (iKeepSafe), has been featured in a number of national newspapers, magazines, and TV news stations.

On Friday, Greer spent the day at Old Rochester Regional High School talking to Tri-Town students in Grades 6-12, and her message was important: Internet technology sure is awesome, but kids must be aware that, much like a fly in a spider web, the worldwide web is a dangerous place for children.

Greer, a former intelligence analyst for the

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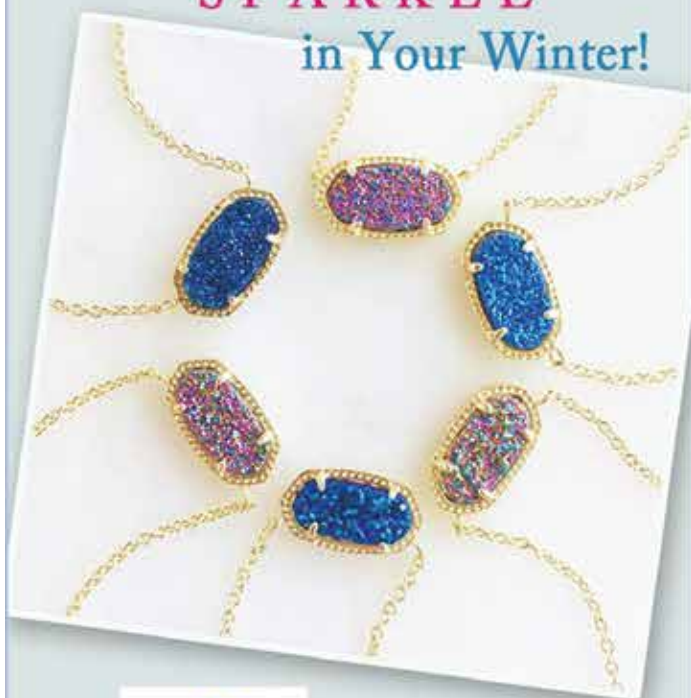
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Massachusetts State Police, shifted the focus of her career towards online crime against children after she worked for the Attorney General's Office in the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. She said she began by wondering, "What crimes happen online?"

"I was kind of shocked to hear that there was a whole unit devoted to online crime," said Greer.

As she discovered the darker side of the Internet through her exposure in the unit, she eventually took up the cause, established a speaking program, and has traveled around the country speaking to children and parents about online threats to children.

The title of that talk on Friday was "Tech: Making It Work for You."

The sixth grade was the youngest of Greer's audiences that day, around the national average age children are issued their first mobile device of their own. She told them that during her presentations with that age group she often learns just as much from them as they do from her.

The first thing she did was marvel as the positive impact social media has had in the life of the individual and society at large. Just look at Houston Texans football player J.J. Watt who managed to raise over \$37 million via a social media campaign to help victims of Hurricane Harvey.

"We all have this ability in this amazing time to do incredible things," Greer said. "It's our responsibility every day to think about how we can use technology to make this world a little bit better than it was when we woke up this morning."

But Greer acknowledged that the rules of technology and social media use are different from household to household; some parents allow their kids to use social media and mobile devices, others don't allow any unfettered access to the Internet, while others don't let their kids have any screen time whatsoever at home.

Greer polled her young audience on device and social media use, and the overwhelming majority of them had hands raised during questions such as how many of you have a smartphone, how many of you use social media, and how many of you are under age 13 (all but



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"Because you have to be at least thirteen to have an Instagram account. This is actually a government regulation and they say, if you're not at least thirteen years old, you're not allowed [to have an account]."

And it's not right for a brain at this stage in its development according to experts, she added.

"No one in middle school at all should have social media," Greer said.

Given the fact that she travels all over the country regularly teaching kids about using technology safely, Greer said she sees a lot of that – kids under 13 with social media accounts. No, she assured them, they won't be arrested for having one. And, in fact, she said she loves social media and is glad that in their lifetime these kids will have access to such a powerful tool.

"However," she said, "Sometimes stuff happens on social media, and not good stuff." And although she said she knew they would all shake their heads when she says it, she said it anyway – "It is my strong recommendation that no one be on these apps or sites until they're thirteen years old."

Are the kids going to go home and delete their accounts? Probably not, she said. But they will all be fully aware of the risks they are taking while using these apps before they go home and sign on again.

Greer was playful in her approach to Internet safety, setting the tone with a fun game she called



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"Strangers Online: Good vs. evil" or "The Good Red Sox vs. the Evil Yankees" for fun.

"You all know the rules," she said. But now was the time for a refresher on stranger danger for a generation that plays interactive games online and spends time on social media.

"Just by being online you have way more access to strangers, and they have access to you."

Greer presented two photos of two women: woman A and woman B. "Who you think the bad guy is?"

A couple kids said woman A, the non-descript average blonde-haired woman was the good lady. The majority guessed woman B – who was Paris Hilton, of all blondes, and the wrong answer.

Woman A created over 250 fake Internet profiles to trick kids into revealing enough personal profiles to steal their identities to open credit card accounts and take out loans.

"It's pretty easy to pretend to be somebody else online," said Greer.

But threats like woman A are sneaky, Greer said. They aren't mean or scary. They appear to be just another kid, and they don't outwardly threaten you. And, if you're ever in doubt, how do you verify if someone actually is who they say they are? It's the old-fashioned approach – you call them and ask.

This is especially relevant when gaming online, she added, getting a little bit into the privacy and family settings one can apply so that outsiders other than friends and acquaintances could interact in the game.

"One rule when it comes to games," she said, "Do not play with strangers." It goes against everything we've ever been taught, she said. "You wouldn't go to playground and play with a stranger– it's not safe, you've know this since you were little."

All the popular online games have settings to block out strangers, she said, or to only allow outside players by invitation.

Greer then walked the kids down the path of the "digital footprint" and its fundamental permanence on the worldwide web. She said 40 percent of employers now comb through the social media profiles of prospective

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"What you put there stays there," she said, which is also a useful reminder to adults. From downloading apps, searching keywords on Google, signing into an account – everything you do creates a digital footprint. It's permanent. It cannot be wiped away.

Take Snapchat, for example. Although the app is designed to share images that will disappear from the screen of the recipient, it only takes a second for someone to take a screenshot of it and send it off to someone else. Statistics say that for every photo that someone shares via Snapchat or text, roughly 25 percent of recipients forward it to an average of four other people not meant to see it. And once an image or a statement is made, it is out there

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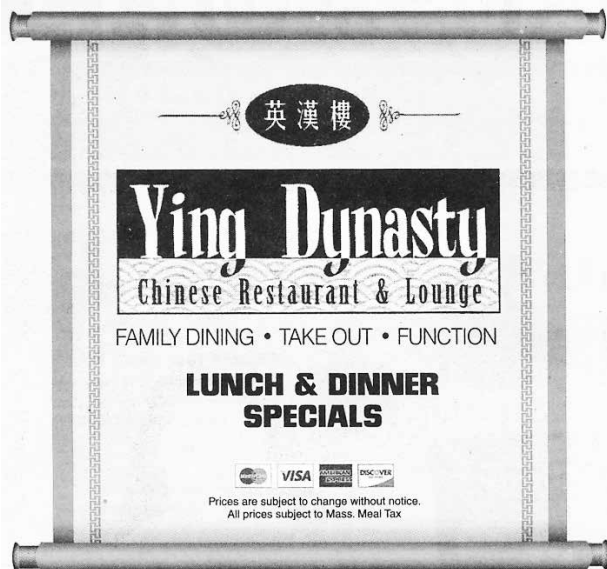
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and it cannot be swept away by a magical online broom.

"Once you put this stuff out there it's a digital foot," said Greer. "You can't take it back. It's about thinking about these things before you put it out there."

Greer then stepped briefly into the realm of the digital footprint and child pornography.

"More than 20,000 images of child pornography are posted online every week according to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children," she said.

And it's not just adults who can get in trouble for viewing these images, she added. Underage kids can also be prosecuted, as well as the person, underage or not, who took the photo – including a pornographic selfie. Child pornography is a federal offense and carries with it strict legal consequences.

This is an important topic for discussion with kids this age, she said, because underage kids have been tried and sentenced as adults in this matter.

"These pictures live on forever," Greer said, cautioning the kids one last time.

If we use technology the right way, said Greer, we can be unstoppable in the things we do. We can do great things, kind things.

"I challenge you every day to think about ways we can use this technology to make this place a little bit better than it was this morning when we woke up," said

Greer. "That's my challenge."

Watchdog Eyes Tri-Town Local Governments

By Jean Perry

Let the municipal offices, boards, and committees of the Tri-Town beware: Someone is watching you.

Mattapoisett is the second municipality in the Tri-Town that the Attorney General's Office has found in violation of the Open Meeting Law within the past two months, just after Marion was found to have violated the law in two of three complaints filed by a man who doesn't live in either town.

But that doesn't stop Ronald Beaty of Barnstable from watching to make sure that public officials everywhere are following their legal obligations, almost exactly to a T.

Beaty, an elected Barnstable County Commissioner, told *The Wanderer* via email that he ran for that office on a platform of open, transparent, and accountable government. He said he'd earned a reputation on Cape Cod as "somewhat of a government watchdog."

"As a result of my activism on the Cape, it is now rare to find any OML violations, so I have had to branch out a bit," said Beaty. "The most recent 'wins' involved the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen and the State Ethics Commission."

Beaty filed the Open Meeting Law complaint on October 12, and the AG's Office received the complaint on November 15. The complaint alleges that the notices for the board's September 26 and October 10 meetings lacked sufficient detail because they did not contain a date and time of posting by the town clerk, or the specific purposes for executive session.

In a January 30 letter to Town Administrator Michael Gagne, the AG's Office stated that it found no evidence of violation pertaining to the date and time stamp on the meeting notice, but it did find the Board of Selectmen in violation concerning the insufficient detailed notice for its September 26 meeting.

"We order the Board's immediate and future compliance with the Open Meeting Law," states the letter



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signed by KerryAnne Kilcoyne, assistant attorney general,
"and we caution that similar future violations may be
considered evidence of intent to violate the law."

According to the AG's Office letter to Gagne,
citing the Open Meeting Law, the Mattapoisett Selectmen
"failed to identify the non-union personnel with which
it was negotiating," in addition to the litigation matter it
had posted without specifying which litigation matter it
planned to discuss.

The letter further states, "Although not raised
in the complaint, we remind the Board that it must
also identify the nonunion personnel with which it is
negotiating and the litigation matter it plans to discuss,
in the verbal statement made before entering into
executive session..." Specific details and matters may not
be disclosed, however, if it should be determined that it
could compromise the executive session purpose.

Will Rochester be next? Just this week, the
Rochester Board of Selectmen's public notice for its
February 5 meeting, like the Mattapoisett Board of
Selectmen's, lacks similar detail in its executive session
posting, listing only a general reason for executive session
as "To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for
negotiations with union personnel."

Marion's notice for its February 6 meeting also
features an executive session notice with no specified
information for its purposes – the real property up for
discussion for purchase is not identified, nor is the non-

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union personnel in its negotiations strategy discussion.

"Along with the press and local citizens, I will continue to periodically monitor public meetings in the Tri-Town area," Beaty told *The Wanderer*. "However, it is sincerely hoped that public officials will mainly monitor themselves."

As for Beaty, he's made a name for himself on Cape Cod, and Internet search engine results turn up plenty of mentions of his name in the news, including his 1991 conviction of threatening to kill former President George H.W. Bush, for which he was sentenced to serve 16 months in prison.

The Open Meeting Law can be explored by visiting www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law.

Selectman Favors Women's Over ADA Restroom

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel was at the Rochester Board of Selectmen meeting on February 5 to describe the renovation plans for the new ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible restroom at the Town Hall that will be fully funded by a state grant. Although he received approval to move ahead with the building permit for the project, Daniel's plan received some opposition from Selectman Naida Parker.

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an open area of the meeting room near the inside entryway being used as the location of the new handicap accessible bathroom because the existing women's and men's rooms are too small to comply with the space requirements for wheelchair access.

Parker right away asked Daniel where the file cabinets and audio-visual equipment for ORCTV would be relocated, to which Daniel replied he did not as of yet have a plan for the file cabinets, but a closet would be built for the equipment.

Parker wondered why Daniel couldn't just use one of the existing bathrooms and expand it.

"Because of the space requirements I have to have for an access bathroom," said Daniel, he would have to build a new bathroom in the only space available. The design of the restroom requires minimal distances from toilets and sinks, which equals to about a 6.5-foot by 7-foot area – the average size public ADA accessible bathroom, he said. Next to it the audio-visual equipment would be housed in its own 5-foot by 4-foot 'closet' space, in which the ORCTV equipment operator would sit during meeting recordings.

Also, Daniel added, the walls would be sound proofed for "bathroom" sounds such as toilet flushes and sinks running through the construction of double walls.

The new bathroom would be a unisex handicap accessible restroom that will replace the existing women's room located in another location in the Town Hall. The existing women's room would be transformed into a storage space, Daniel suggested.

"There's no way to take the two existing bathrooms and combine them into two unisex?" Parker asked him.

Daniel said the Town Hall, by law, must have two bathrooms.

"You know, that makes no sense in a building that's predominantly female," Parker said. "This is the building where the women occasionally have to wait for the bathroom."

Daniel replied, "This one will be much nicer than the one you're using now. There's still going to be two bathrooms."

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Selectman Greenwood Hartley suggested that Parker and the other women could use the men's room if there was a wait, which led to a 'no I can't; yes you can' exchange.

Hartley asked Daniel what would constitute a 'unisex' bathroom, and Daniel said, "Just the sign and policy."

"We'll put a sign up that says 'unisex' then," said Hartley.

Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar said she was going to suggest making both restrooms unisex, which Hartley liked.

"[The ADA compliant restroom] was the biggest thing on our list," said Hartley. "It really takes away a lot of liability that we have."

"We're not one hundred percent, but it's a big chunk," said Daniel.

"It's a step in the right direction," commented Chairman Brad Morse.

When it came time to grant Daniel permission to seek the building permit, both Morse and Hartley voted in favor.

"I'll abstain," said Parker. "I don't like doing it. I have concerns about the audio-visual equipment.... It's still claustrophobic for people and that equipment has to be ventilated. I strongly urge that you work with ORCTV so that we don't create a problem with that."

In other matters, the board signed the inter-



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municipal water agreement with the Town of Middleboro for the water line extension on North Avenue for water service to the Annie Maxim House that was discussed during the January 22 meeting.

The board also approved four fundraiser events for the Rochester Country Fair at the fairgrounds for May 12, June 9, October 20, and November 3.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **February 12** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Shouting Match Leads to DPW Interim Supt.

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Selectman Steve Gonsalves stormed out of the meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen on February 6 after a shouting match that escalated after Gonsalves interrupted Town Administrator Paul Dawson's update on the town's search for an interim Department of Public Works superintendent after Rob Zora's December retirement.

When Dawson mentioned that current Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Frank Cooper and former selectman Jonathan Henry had expressed interest in the interim position, Gonsalves confronted Dawson and accused him and the two other selectmen of keeping Gonsalves out of the loop.

When the selectmen first held a special meeting



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on December 14 to discuss Zora's seemingly sudden retirement, Dawson told Gonsalves he had to recuse himself from voting on the DPW position because Gonsalves has a son who works for the DPW and that would be a conflict of interest.

Although at the December 14 meeting Gonsalves abided by Dawson's advice, Gonsalves disclosed the night of February 6 that he had contacted the State Ethics Commission on his own, which issued him a "favorable response," Gonsalves said, saying he could take part in the superintendent discussion because there is a supervisor between Gonsalves and his son at the DPW; therefore, there is no direct conflict of interest.

Gonsalves lamented how he was first contacted before that December special meeting when Dawson's assistant told him of the meeting but said that he could not participate in the vote.

"I got a little upset about it," Gonsalves said. "My frustration was, how can I not be a part of this decision that's so important to the town?"

Gonsalves retold how the events unfolded, including how he had initially disagreed with Dawson's opinion on the conflict of interest.

"I feel you're there to guide me," Gonsalves told Dawson. "I was a little taken aback that the decision was made for me that I was in violation." Gonsalves added that Dawson should have taken the initiative and contacted State Ethics himself before rendering his opinion on the matter.

Before long, Gonsalves said, he had begun hearing about the matter, not from the selectmen but from the public, until he became "sick and tired" of it.

"I heard so many things on the street and so much stuff that my head's gonna pop," said Gonsalves. According to Gonsalves, he had proved to Dawson some time ago that he would not be in violation if he were to participate in the DPW interim position vote, so he should have been informed immediately about any information the selectmen had acquired thus far; however, he was not, he said.

"Since I've been allowed to participate in this process, I have not been brought up to full speed on this,"



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Gonsalves asserted. "When you knew I could [participate in discussions]," Gonsalves said to Dawson, "You weren't there to let me know ... so I don't know where we are at this point."

Gonsalves said, as an elected official, he shouldn't have to get his information passing through the post office.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Jody Dickerson stopped Gonsalves, but Gonsalves wasn't done yet. He had more frustration to vent.

"Now, I hear that Jon Henry is part of this," said Gonsalves.

Gonsalves inquired about the timing of Henry's expression of interest in the position, saying he had even approached Henry himself, and Gonsalves said Henry told him, "I can't talk right now."

"I want to know, what is going on?" said



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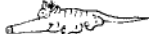




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Gonsalves.

Dickerson shut Gonsalves down, but Gonsalves continued, even as Dickerson loudly hammered his gavel on the desk repeatedly.

"I want this discussion tabled immediately until I am brought into the loop on this," Gonsalves shouted. "I want to be brought into this loop right now! I want it!"

Gonsalves made a motion to table the discussion.

"Do I have a second?" Gonsalves asked. "No," said Hills. "No," said Dickerson.

"All right, why?" asked Gonsalves. "Now you're telling me I don't have the right to table this?"

"That's how this works," said Dickerson.

Then Gonsalves asked Dickerson why he had to

hear it from residents that Dickerson himself applied for the DPW interim superintendent position.

"I was showing interest in this and I have decided I did not," said Dickerson.

The contention continued as Gonsalves pressed for information surrounding both Dickerson's and Henry's interest in the position, asking intensely, "Why didn't I know this?"

"You weren't involved at the point," said Hills. According to Hills, this information was known to the board for "three or four weeks."

"Nobody has approached me on this," Gonsalves said, as Dickerson demanded the board move on from the conversation. "Moving on, really?" said Gonsalves. "Transparency, anyone? Does anyone know how to spell it?"

Gonsalves told Dawson, "I'm insulted and I'm disgusted."

"At me? What have I done?" asked Dawson.

It soon came to the point when Gonsalves said it was only just yesterday that he had discovered Dickerson and Henry were both in the ring for the interim position. Dickerson shot back that he had simply just changed his mind.

"This was yesterday, gentlemen," said Gonsalves. "Things change awful quick."

The shouting continued between Gonsalves and Dawson, until Dawson told Gonsalves that town counsel also shared his opinion on the conflict of interest, and Gonsalves erupted in anger.

"You didn't tell me that!" said Gonsalves.

After all that, Gonsalves abruptly announced that he no longer had any interest in participating in the DPW interim position discussion.

"I'm not voting on this," Gonsalves said. "I'm gonna leave the room. I'm not voting on this. I don't want any part of this."

After he left, Hills disclosed that he was the one who approached Henry with the opportunity to apply for the temporary position, and Henry liked the idea, Hills said – but only as a temporary position.

Just as Hills made the motion to hire Henry,

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followed by Dickerson's second, Marion resident T.J. Walker asked how long the interim position would last. Dawson told him roughly six months or until the DPW study results are ready for review.

The two selectmen in the room then appointed Henry, and Gonsalves returned shortly after.

In other matters, Alan Minard and Rob Lane on behalf of the Subcommittee of the Town House Building Committee asked for guidance on how to proceed now that the committee's study on a Mill Street administrative building is wrapping up.

Dickerson said he would prefer to see the numbers from the study, but Minard asked him why that would be necessary when it would be up to the public to decide on which option it would prefer to pursue and ultimately fund.

With tension still in the air from the outburst, the selectmen agreed to hold a public meeting to present the subcommittee's findings, along with the option the original Town House Building Committee came up with last year.

Lane said once the subcommittee holds its next meeting next week and reviews all the final data, he would contact the Board of Selectmen to schedule a public meeting.

After a second brief discussion with Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum and Town Planner Gil Hilario that preceded the board's quarrel, the board voted to adopt the Complete Streets Policy with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Planning Board had discussed and been working towards this point for some time now.

Gonsalves at first was hesitant, saying, "I don't know, I'm kind of a little bit on the fence about it." He wondered if it was worth it for the Town to engage in an agreement such as this, but Marum, Hilario, and Dickerson convinced him it was fine.

"It's not a mandatory thing," Dickerson said. "It's a guidance. I do not personally see any downfall to it."


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With that, the vote was unanimous.

Also during the meeting, the board approved a \$2,400 contract to hire Land Stewardship, Inc. to provide the town with a management plan for Sprague's Cove.

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Mattapoisett FinCom Member Not Impressed

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

As the members of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee gathered on January 31 to begin the fiscal year 2019 budget process with various department heads, the bad taste left behind from the January 24 Old Rochester Regional School Committee meeting lingered.

During that meeting, Massachusetts Department of Education Program Manager of Governance and Facilities Program Christine Lynch and Associate Commissioner of the Center for School Finance and District Support Jay Sullivan had been invited as guest speakers to the ORR School Committee as it began the

FY19 budget process.

Colby Rottler, a Mattapoisett FinCom member, said of the state presenters, "I wasn't impressed ... there wasn't a lot of substance." He thought that at times Lynch and Sullivan neared a state of being "argumentative" saying, "They didn't understand and didn't provide relevant data that might have been helpful. They were ill prepared ... it was rather embarrassing.... The selectmen were rolling their eyes.... It's unfortunate, I didn't get a lot out of it," he stated.

Mattapoisett Town Administrator Michael Gagne said that after speaking with other town administrators and finance managers he believed, "We need to drill down ... [and] get some additional information for the school committee on various funds." He said that budget and statistical analysis for a deeper dive was critical and that he would continue to push for that.

FinCom member Gary Johnson said, "We did learn to review the Tri-Town [regional school district] agreement." It was disclosed during the school committee meeting that that defining document had not been reviewed since the early 1980s. Both Lynch and Sullivan urged the three towns to take a look at it since the state's rules and regulations had changed significantly over the years.

Gagne agreed, saying, "It's time to dive into it.... It's an exercise we should do."

In other matters, Mattapoisett Library Director Susan Pizzolato gave a state of the library presentation that included a forward look at the library's FY19 budget needs. Pizzolato began her presentation by saying, "We provide more services and fewer things over the counter and the state is starting to let us count those as checked out items." She added, "A dynamic library adapts to the needs of the community."

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Pizzolato said that the speakers series was very successful and that she would continue to promote the library as a civic space for community and regional meetings.

Of the nearly 100,000 items circulated by the library, Pizzolato reported the importance of keeping materials vital and current to user needs.

In her presentation materials, she included a 'year in review' page that included the following details based on FY17 statistics: 75,000 visitors; 67,000 items in the collection; 425 programs offered; 89,000 items circulated; 5,000 e-books; and 20,000 website visitors.

For FY19, Pizzolato is projecting an increase in salaries and wages of \$12,391 and library materials of \$5,000 with an overall projected budget of \$468,716 – roughly a 3.8 percent increase over FY17.

Of the library, Gagne said, "It's a high focal point in town and a gem in this community."

Also coming before the FincCom on this night was Administrator of Assessing Kathleen Costello. She said that 2018 was a recertification year by the state making FY19 a year for full measurement of personal property.

Costello also reported that since 2009 abatement applications have plummeted from over 400 in 2009 to just 18 so far this fiscal year. Further, she reported that in FY12 there were over 40 pending cases at the Boston Appellate Tax Board. Today there are none. She attributes part of that reduction to more accurate collection of property owner contact information.

In her report she wrote, "This ensures clean accurate data, the cornerstone of accurate and equitable assessments." She told the committee members, "An educated tax base is a quiet tax base."

Costello continued to extol the benefits of having 'chapter lands' put into productive use via the construction of solar farms that allows cities and towns to establish P.I.L.O.T (payment in lieu of taxes) programs

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On this theme she said that two additional sites – one on Tinkham Hill Road and the other on Crystal Spring Road – would most likely be the last the town will see as tariffs have been imposed on imported solar panels.


Costello also reported that the average home sale in Mattapoisett stands at \$440,000 per unit, with 600 residences in the second home category. Second homes fall into a personal property category she said, allowing an additional 3% surcharge over real estate tax bases. She said she is currently conducting a study for the Department of Revenue on second homes in Mattapoisett.

Regarding her projections for the FY19 budget, Costello is currently in negotiations for a salary of \$6,000 under a category titled "IT Coordinator." She said that she and several of her staff perform this function for all town departments rather than outsourcing a more expensive service.

Her budget worksheet also shows several decreases in line items for software and hardware categories.

The next two meetings of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee are scheduled for **February 7 and 8** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.



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Town Fires Up for Marijuana Moratorium

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Whether you are in favor of or against a moratorium until December 31, 2018 on the sale of recreational and medical marijuana in Mattapoissett, you need to attend the Special Town Meeting planned for February 12 at 6:30 pm in Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium.

That was the message delivered by Town Administrator Michael Gagne during the February 6 public hearing held by the Mattapoissett Planning Board.

Among others in the state, Mattapoissett and Marion have planned special town meetings during which voters will be asked to support a moratorium on adult-use marijuana retail establishments until local planning boards can establish zoning bylaws that would limit placement of such establishments. The moratorium acts to slow down the April 1 state launch date that would allow retail establishments to legally sell marijuana after securing licenses and permits until local municipalities could form their own regulations.

In the absence of local zoning bylaws specifically addressing marijuana establishments, the state's minimum regulations and the town's own existing zoning bylaws would apply.

Gagne said, "Zoning articles require a two-thirds vote to pass, so people have to turn out for town meeting."

"The Board of Selectmen is in favor of a moratorium.... It would give the Planning Board time to review zoning options," said Gagne.

Gagne continued, "We are not prepared with zoning as it currently exists." He said it is critical that the moratorium be put in place to give the town time to drill down. He said that while federal laws still prohibit such sales, there was no assurance that those regulations would trump individual state laws that allow marijuana sales.

Massachusetts voters in 2012 approved the legalization of medical marijuana and approved the legalization of recreational marijuana use in 2016. Mattapoissett residents rejected in Question 4 the legalization of marijuana by a relatively narrow margin.

"Whether you're for or against it, we need time to write zoning articles," Gagne said.

Speaking in favor of a moratorium, Joyce Almedia said, "We need to slow down and dig deep into our moral conscientiousness." While she said she had no problem with medical marijuana use, she said she was concerned with the wellbeing of the children in the community.

Also speaking in support of the moratorium was Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals member Colby Rottler. Rottler said, "A moratorium is very important," adding that he believes, because it would be a cash-only business, it could increase criminal activity. "A zoning requirement should be reviewed carefully.... We need

time to think about this."

Gagne said that any new zoning bylaws regulating marijuana establishments in Mattapoisett that might be written during a moratorium could then be presented during the Fall Town Meeting. He said new zoning bylaws could contain anything from a total prohibition to regulations on where such establishments might be located and hours of operation.

Towns like Mattapoisett that voted 'no' on recreational marijuana could ban adult-use marijuana establishments through zoning bylaws, but towns like Marion that voted 'yes' would have to seek the ban first through a town meeting vote and then a subsequent town-wide ballot vote.

The Planning Board moved to support the two moratorium articles, clearing the way for presentation of the warrant at the Special Town Meeting.

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging can arrange pick up and drop off service for any voters needing a ride to the Special Town Meeting. Call the selectmen's office at 508-758-4100 ext. 4 to sign up.

In other business on this night, Paul Valiquette, 49 Long Plain Road, sought and received approval for a Form A – approval not required application for the subdivision of his 15-acre parcel into two lots. Also coming before the Planning Board, David McIntire's request for acceptance of a performance bond and release of seven lots in the Shagbark neighborhood of the Bay Club development was also approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for **March 5** at 7:00 pm in the town hall conference room.

Solar Array Plans Revised

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

On a cold, clear February 6 night, the members of the Rochester Conservation Commission came out to conduct the important business of upholding state and local wetlands protection regulations.

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of his engineering team and representatives from Clean Energy Collective LLC, with a request for an amended order of conditions for a solar array planned for 248 and 268 Mattapoisett Road.

Watson said that after further on-site review it was found that the plan previously submitted and approved by the Planning Board and conditioned by the Conservation Commission needed to be revised.

Watson said that an additional site survey exposed current conditions that required this newest application. Further, Watson explained that peer review consultant Ken Motta of Field Engineering had also requested that the plans be modified to accommodate site conditions and include new drainage calculations.

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Of particular note was a shallow 2-foot berm noted by both Motta and Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon as being insufficient and that over time would not perform well.

Watson presented a new set of engineering plans that updated the berm height and provided the new topography report, erosion controls, and drainage calculations.

While the changes required a great degree of new technical documentation, Watson said that the scope of the project had not changed. Location of solar panels, limit of work, drainage patterns, and drainage calculations would all remain essentially the same.

Watson then said that he hoped to receive any additional input from the commission deemed necessary to the new plans so that final drawing could be submitted to the Planning Board for an upcoming review of the project.

Farinon said that she was concerned about a vernal pool on the property that might be affected by the clearing of trees that had taken place, and she wondered aloud about a need to address wildlife habitats and migrations.

Watson's team reported that vernal pools are home to wood frogs and spotted salamanders, but that those species needed a dense shaded forest floor with thick leaf matter in order to thrive. It was noted that, with the absence of an overhead tree canopy and open

landscape, the animals would not migrate to the pool any longer. It was further stated that the project had been permitted with this knowledge.

Laurene Gerrior asked about the possibility of including seeds in the landscape plans that were pollinator varieties. Watson agreed to include seeds of that type and that planting would take place around the bordering edge of the solar field and service roadway.

The public hearing was continued until March 6.

Also coming before the commission was a request for a Certificate of Compliance from Philip and Suzanne Lecuyer, 2 Thistle Lane. Farinon said that the homeowners had done a good job maintaining landscape boundaries. The request was approved.

A Chapter 61A Notice of Sale and Right of First Refusal for property on Alley Road, part of the estate of Mary Gayoski, was discussed. Farinon said that the two lots in question totaled approximately six acres with the recorded purchase price for one lot set at \$160,000. The commissioners agreed with Farinon that a letter should be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen suggesting the town decline the offer.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for **February 20** at 7:00 pm in the town hall meeting room.

Board Hashes Out Marijuana Moratorium


Marion Planning Board

By Sarah French Storer and Jean Perry


Marijuana has created a buzz in Marion, and a Special Town Meeting slated for February 15 at 6:45 pm at Sippican School will give Marion voters a chance to support or oppose an article to place a temporary moratorium on adult-use marijuana establishments in their town.

On February 5, the Marion Planning Board held its public hearing on the warrant article, giving board members, other town officials, and residents a turn at the podium to express their stance on the issue.


The Commonwealth's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) has issued its draft of regulations controlling adult-use marijuana establishments, and it is



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expected to release a final version by March 15 in time for an April 1 start date for interested marijuana retailers to apply to undergo the state's licensing process.

But with no local zoning bylaw currently in place to address the zoning of pot shops and a looming deadline to quickly roll one out, the Planning Board, like around 100 others in the state, want more time to procure an effective zoning bylaw with a moratorium on marijuana establishments that would terminate no later than December 31, 2018.

"There is no way we can reflect and read and consider and write bylaws in a two-week period of time," said Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum. "Whatever is in effect at the time the applicant applies to the [CCC] is what they would be subject to."

Marum continued, "Right now, Marion has absolutely no bylaws to ... regulate any marijuana establishments in this community, so that is the reason why we need to have a moratorium."

"My cautionary concern," said board member Chris Collings, "is people would confuse this as asking people to walk back a decision that they made in the voting booth," which is not the case, he stated. Collings went on to speculate what might happen should the town still not have marijuana regulations in place by the end of the moratorium, but he was interrupted by Marum.

"We will have rules in place," said Marum.

"...No, but I'm just going to make it clear..." he continued.

Raising her voice over Collings', Marum stated, "I'm telling you, we will have rules in place."

Collings persisted, "...We're not changing a voter's decision; we're holding it off until ... better plans are ready."

Board member Jennifer Francis said in support of the moratorium, "I don't see any down side to having a moratorium and giving ourselves more time ... to provide the proper [regulations] as much as we can. We're limited in what we can prohibit and what we can limit, but we do need some time to be able to look at the law and ... be able to develop a bylaw that fits Marion the best."

"The board supporting the moratorium is not

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the board in favor or not in favor of having marijuana distribution in the town," said board member Andrew Daniel. "It's completely not part of it. It's more of just a responsible plan to have the bylaws in place before the December 31 deadline." He continued, "I think some people ... think that it's the town trying to stop the forward movement of having marijuana shops and that's not the case."

Marum said a municipality could attempt to outright prohibit legal marijuana sales in town, but there is a process that must be followed.

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in favor of recreational marijuana in 2016 would have to follow a process beginning with a town meeting vote to ban marijuana establishments, followed by a town-wide ballot vote.

It is this kind of conversation that would take place during the moratorium, said Kokkins.

When the issue was opened up to the floor, resident Ted North called the pursuit of a moratorium an “unnecessary fire drill,” adding that the board had managed to pass zoning on medical marijuana before “without a whole lot of controversy.”

North said the Planning Board’s jurisdiction pertains only to zoning.

“You can place where you can sell this stuff,

and we did that with [medical marijuana]. We put it in commercial/ industrial [zoning] down by the dump,” said North. “Just stick this down by the dump, sell it down by the dump. You can’t get rid of it, you can’t exclude it, but you can regulate it.”

North added that marijuana use is still legal in Marion, even without commercial establishments. “I can grow it in my basement, I can grow it in my garage, and I can grow it in my garden. You can’t stop me from doing that with zoning,” North said.

Board of Health member and pediatrician Jason Reynolds stressed protecting the youth from the dangers of marijuana, saying, “If we’re going to protect the youth of this town ... we’re going to have to have a thoughtful approach to this.” Reynolds added that the Board of Health would be looking hard at how it can regulate the use and consumption of marijuana. “We’re not looking to take away people’s rights ... but we’re going to make sure that it’s done in a thoughtful and safe manner.”

Speaking beyond the scope of zoning, Marum said one of her concerns about marijuana use was the diversion of marijuana within the household; for example, an older brother growing marijuana could share it with a younger sibling, she said.


“And we know the impact that marijuana has on a developing brain,” Marum said.

Marion’s Public Health Nurse Kathleen Downey also spoke about drug use in schools and addiction, issues that she diligently works towards lessening.

Resident Jennifer Peterson lamented that Marion, in its delay to allow marijuana establishments, could miss out on capturing related tax revenue. She said these facilities are held to strict requirements on security and other matters of concern to the board.

“Your weaknesses and strengths are already covered in those [state] regulations. They’re already well defined out in how they’re going to address that,” including “clear diversion plans in place so that they don’t go to youth.”


Peterson added that language should be included at Town Meeting that demonstrates a balanced opinion on marijuana, including data out of Colorado she claims



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had positive impacts on society in areas such as opioid addiction and crime.

Marum replied, "Well, I am the author of that spot analyses and I did that as a helpful tool for people that have not read these 107 pages (of the CCC draft regulations) that I have read." She continued, "And also this is a draft; it has not been approved. This is not the final yet, so I think you may be spinning your wheels if you try to start doing rules and regulations and then they come around and change it.... I think the best thing to do is just kind of read it, digest it, get together and talk ... but I thank you for your input."

The board approved the language for the warrant article and fully expects to have a final draft ready for a vote for the Fall Town Meeting.

Also during the meeting, the Planning Board is sponsoring an article for Annual Spring Town Meeting proposing to change the zoning on land located on Spring Street from General Business/Light Industrial to Residence E, which allows multi-family dwellings.

Colonel Briggs, representing the other proponents of the project including Sherman Briggs and Michael Baldwin, noted that he was approached by Town Planner Gil Hilario about the idea of re-filing the project for the development of the lots along Spring Street, specifically Map 24, Lots 36A, 37, 37A and 38.

Briggs presented a brief history of the proposal that was defeated at last year's Annual Town Meeting. He described the defeated article as having had "some cogs were missing in the gears," and said this time around he has been meeting with town boards and everyone seems to be in support of the project.

Hilario spoke in support, observing that it would complement the 'gateway' and mixed-use area.

Marum also spoke in favor of multi-family units being located in the area, pointing out that the lots are located close to existing amenities and the project would provide an opportunity for those people looking to downsize.

Town resident Barbara Sanderson attempted to clarify the implications of changing the zoning, suggesting to the board that they present to the residents

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at Town Meeting a clear description of what will be gained and what will be lost with the zoning change.

The meeting briefly degenerated into a discussion of how many units might be located on the site and other possible uses for the parcels. Daniel spoke for a number of members on the board when he reminded those in attendance that the proposal was strictly for a zoning change for the lots and did not contemplate a particular development scheme for the parcels.

"What will happen there must be scrutinized," said Daniel.

The board voted unanimously to support the article for the zoning change.

In other business, Francis updated the board on the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC). She provided the board with a draft mission statement that described the purpose of the committee to "facilitate and monitor progress on implementing the Goals and Strategies as identified in the Marion Master Plan." Francis anticipates that the MPIC will work with the Planning Board but report to the Board of Selectmen.

Collings asked whether the committee would be elected or appointed, and if appointed, by whom. He expressed concern that what the committee will be doing was what he had considered to be the work of the Planning Board.

"This will be a very influential group – who would select these folks?" asked Collings.

Francis said the committee would be made up of enthusiastic members of the community selected by the Planning Board, and board member Norm Hills said there should be at least one Planning Board member involved. Daniel felt strongly that the member selection should go through the board, "Because we are elected."

Collings added that the board should "...make sure we get a fair cross section of the community – not getting one group or another's idea of what the town should be."

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for **February 19** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Point Road Bike Path Back on Agenda

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Jean Perry

A plan to establish a portion of bike path on Point Road that had fallen by the wayside appeared on the agenda of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission on February 1.

The plan to construct a bike path on Point Road between Jenna Drive and Joanne Drive was one of five proposed plans that was approved by Town Meeting back in 2005, said MOSAC Chairman John Rockwell, but after years of other more urgent projects crowding the MOSAC agenda, the project was never taken up by MOSAC or any other town entity.

"This plan was the only plan of the five plans that could be done without moving the roadway over," said Rockwell via phone during a follow-up interview, which made this project more feasible and affordable.

With this approved plan, Rockwell said MOSAC has taken the initiative to apply for Community Preservation Act funding to get it started next year. According to Rockwell, MOSAC would have focused more attention on seeing the project through had it not been bogged down for years by Grassi Bog.

The property along the proposed strip of bike path is, for the most part, controlled by MOSAC.

"Regarding the CPA grant application that we'll be submitting to build it, or build as much as we can, there's a limited amount of money in CPA funds," said Rockwell. "We're (MOSAC) working on a [fiscal year 2019] budget so we don't have a budget yet," he added, so the amount of money that would be made available for this project would determine how much of it MOSAC could tackle. "It might not be able to be done at one time," said Rockwell.

MOSAC is exploring estimates for the relatively small bike path project, which Rockwell said would likely be stone dust at first to keep costs lower.

"And then if it gets a lot of use and we get all the way to Jenna Drive, we'd pave it. We'd come back and ask [Town Meeting to fund it]."

The main goal with this bike path project is safety, Rockwell said.



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"We just want to get people off the road," said Rockwell, specifically that stretch of Point Road that he described as a bad turn. "People come pretty fast down the road and we don't have a lot of visibility."

Rockwell hopes the project will be granted CPA funds to allow for the permitting process to begin in June of this year. There are some sparse wetlands near the site, he said, so a filing with the Conservation Commission is imminent.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for **March 1** at 6:30 pm in the 13 Atlantis Drive conference room.

AP Selections Expanded at ORR

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

With the first semester of the school year behind them, the underclassmen at Old Rochester Regional High School are tasked with already looking ahead to their next academic year. Course cards have been distributed to the three grades over the week, and students are beginning the course selection process with the help of parents and guidance counselors.

One way ORRHS has helped families be more informed during this process was by hosting an information session on Advanced Placement courses for parents of interested students.

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transparent with families," said Principal Mike Devoll, who ran the event. "We want our students to be successful, but we want them to be informed."

Parents picked up copies of both the course cards and AP student contracts that prospective students will also receive. A separate sheet also highlighted the new AP Capstone program at ORRHS, which is currently in its first year.

"We're one of eleven schools in Massachusetts with AP Research and Seminar, and I'm very proud of it," Devoll said.

The Seminar class has run this year with two full sections in the English Department and focuses on synthesizing and presenting information. The Research class, which will focus on constructing and writing a thesis paper, was announced to run next year in the Social Studies Department.

One of the other new courses in the coming year is AP Computer Science run by technology teacher MJ Linane in the Science Department. The course will be open to Grades 10 through 12 and will focus on learning a specific programming language to design a piece of software.

Another change to the Science Department is that AP Chemistry and AP Environmental Science will no longer run on an every-other-year schedule. The two popular courses will now be offered every year in order to allow more students the opportunity to take them.

Each academic department leader was also on hand for the presentation to speak more in-depth to parents about the various AP courses offered in their areas and offer some helpful advice to those present.

"Even though a student may not feel comfortable taking an honors course as a freshman or sophomore, it does not prohibit them from taking an AP course their junior or senior years," English teacher Robert Biehl commented.

"The AP night was very helpful," said Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, a parent of a current freshman student. "It gave me an idea of the difficulty level that my son can expect from AP courses. I was impressed by how many AP courses are available at ORR and that he can begin to

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take them as a sophomore."

Students must submit their completed their course selection cards to the guidance office by February 16.

ORR Girls' Basketball Gets Payback, Ties Apponequet

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Old Rochester Regional girls' basketball waited patiently for the chance to strike back at Apponequet after suffering a loss to the Lakers earlier in the season that gave the Bulldogs' rival a seat atop the South Coast Conference Large division.

On Monday, they got their chance and struck back, winning 44-38 to tie Apponequet at 9-1 in the SCC, giving them a chance at the SCC title game against the SCC Small division at the season's end. If both teams finish with the same conference record and the same record within the division, the SCC Large representative



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in the title game will come down to a coin toss.

But with a few games left on the schedule, there's still a chance the Bulldogs could stand alone at season's end. If there's any chance of that happening, the Bulldogs will need continued strong efforts from the likes of **Cassidy Yeomans** and **Mary Butler**, who made their impact felt in the Monday win.

"Mary is a relentless rebounder," ORR coach Bob Hohne said. "I think she's one of the best athletes in South Coast Massachusetts. Her motor always keeps running.... She's sort of our Dennis Rodman, I say. That's basically how she plays. She can't shoot from ten feet, but inside she can score and rebound.

"With Cassidy, she's a marked girl. She's averaging almost nineteen (points) a game. We're trying to encourage the other girls to take their shots and that's tough when you have someone who can score."

Yeomans led the Bulldogs in the Monday matchup with 13 points. Butler finished right behind her with 10, but her work on the glass was remarkable, grabbing 19 rebounds with almost an even split on both sides of the ball (10 offensive rebounds).

"I've always played very aggressive and that usually results in getting rebounds," Butler said. "Sometimes it gets me in foul trouble, but usually it helps."

The Bulldogs will certainly need her efforts on the glass, as well as on defense, if they hope to have a chance at the conference championship game – and at making a run in the postseason.

Old Colony

Old Colony boys' basketball clinched another playoff berth, the sixth consecutive under Coach Matt Trahan. The Cougars have now won double-digit games in all six seasons under Trahan, improving to 11-5 this year.

Their most recent win came in a nail-biter against Cape Cod Tech, where the Cougars won 65-64. **Jake Jason** led Old Colony with 33 points, while **Zach Soucy** finished with 17. Eleven of Jason's 33 points came at the free throw line, where he was perfect on the night.

Old Colony girls' basketball is also postseason bound with a 12-3 record. They made easy work of Cape Cod Tech in their Monday contest, winning 60-35. **Savanna Halle** was dominant for the Cougars, scoring 20 points, while **Abby Cioper** and **Katherine Kirby** both did well, scoring 14 each.

Tabor Academy

The Seawolves girls' ice hockey team won its fourth straight with a 2-1 win over St. Mark's School, moving to 14-4 on the season.

Kelly Browne scored Tabor's first goal six minutes into the first period, with an assist from **Liv Finocchiaro**. Browne would score again in the first period, taking advantage of a St. Mark's mis-clearance.

That would be enough for the Seawolves with St. Mark's lone goal coming with 14 seconds left in the game,

after St. Mark's had pulled their goalie. Aside from that goal, **Christine Steege** was perfect on the night, finishing with 18 saves and helping improve her goals average to 1.70 on the year.

Tabor's boys' ice hockey team won their last contest 5-4 against the Noble and Greenough School. **Peter Lombardi** scored two goals in the effort for Tabor, while also assisting **Owen Rudicus** on the Seawolves first goal of the game. **Cam Barbagallo** also scored once for Tabor in the win.

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Academic Achievements

Mikayla Demanche of Rochester has been named to the fall 2017 Dean's List at **American International College**. Dean's List students are full-time students with a grade point average between 3.3 and 4.0.

Patrick Briand was named to the President's List at **Bentley University** for his outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2017 semester. To be named to the President's List, a full-time student must achieve a 3.7 grade point average while earning no grade below 3.0 during the term.

The following Tri-Town students were named to the Chancellor's List at **UMass Dartmouth** in recognition of earning a grade point average of 3.8 or higher of a possible 4.0 for the fall 2017 semester:

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9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Yoga for Seniors
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM 100 Mile Meals
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:30 PM Beyond Boston
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM STEM in 30
9:30 PM Democracy Now!
10:30 PM Media Edge

Friday February 9, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Vermont Senior Town Hall Meeting
8:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care
9:00 AM Sing Along Fun with Miss Miriam
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10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM What's Linda Cooking?
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Saturday February 10, 2018

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival

9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Southcoast Central News
10:30 AM South Coast Matters
11:00 AM Money Matters TV
11:30 AM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:30 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
2:00 PM Carpe Diem
2:30 PM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
3:00 PM Garage X
3:30 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM The O! Melodious Show
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Storytime with Drag Kings, Queens and their Friends.
7:30 PM Gay USA
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10:00 PM Democracy Now!
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Sunday February 11, 2018

7:00 AM New Testament Church of Cedarville
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Chef's Table
9:30 AM Today's Message
10:00 AM The World Fusion Show
10:30 AM From the Other Side
11:00 AM Registers Report
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Cara's Cucina
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2:00 PM Angel Talk
2:30 PM Ask Dog Lady
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3:30 PM A Vetren Story
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5:00 PM Childhood Trauma
6:30 PM Cape Conversations
7:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
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10:00 PM It's Dangerous to Talk to Spirits
10:30 PM Media Edge

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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?

10:30 AM 99 Faces Project: The Many Faces of Our Mental Health
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
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1:30 PM 99 Faces Project: The Many Faces of Our Mental Health
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Wicked Good Food
3:30 PM Ready, Set, Communicate
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM All Things Victorian
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles
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7:00 PM The Collective Chat
7:30 PM J9 on 9
8:00 PM Mario and Dennis Show
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
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11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 13, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM Around the House
9:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
9:30 AM Small Factory Productions
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11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Yoga for Health
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Wicked Good Food
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM Films for Justice
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
8:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:00 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM November

Wednesday February 14, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Wicked Good Food
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show

12:00 PM Movie
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8:00 AM Marion Police-Chief Swear In – December 28, 2017
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission – January 24, 2018
10:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen – January 16, 2018
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board – January 22, 2018
12:30 PM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
1:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission – January 24, 2017
3:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen – January 16, 2018
4:00 PM Marion Planning Board – January 22, 2018
5:30 PM Marion Town House Sub Committee – January 18, 2018
7:00 PM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission – January 10, 2018
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen – January 16, 2018
10:30 PM Marion Planning Board – January 22, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester School Committee – January 18, 2018
8:30 AM Old Rochester Regional District School Committee – January 17, 2018
10:30 PM Rochester Board Selectmen –

January 22, 2018
11:00 PM Rochester Planning Board – January 23, 2018
1:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – January 25, 2018
2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission – January 16, 2018
3:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen – January 22, 2018
4:00 PM Rochester Planning Board – January 23, 2018
6:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – January 25, 2018
6:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission – January 16, 2018
7:30 PM Rochester School Committee – January 18, 2018
9:00 PM ORR District Budget Meeting – January 24, 2018
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen – January 22, 2018

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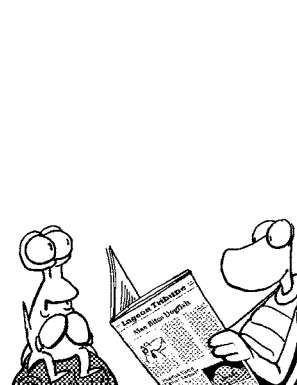
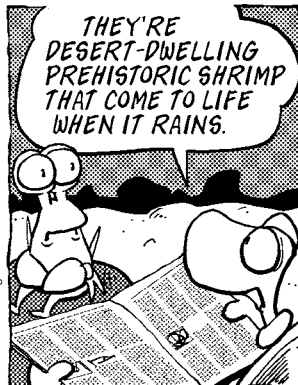
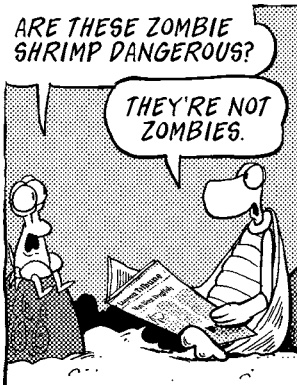
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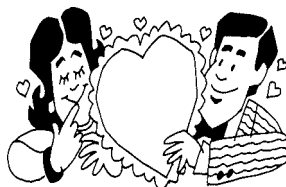
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OBITUARIES



Ruth Lebourveau Bolton, 87, of Wareham, died Sunday, January 21, 2018 at her home after a long illness. She was the wife of Edmund A. Bolton.

Born in Somerville, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Jennie (Winslow) and Ulrich Lebourveau. She previously lived in Marion for many years.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Mount Holyoke College, and Masters of Science in Social Services from Boston University. Ruth enjoyed helping others and volunteered at the Wareham Area Counseling Service before earning her graduate degree and working as a clinical social worker for various agencies on Cape Cod and in the New Bedford area, as well as in private practice.

Mrs. Bolton was a member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, the Sippican Woman's Club, and Mt. Holyoke College Alumnae Association.

She is survived by her husband, Edmund; her children, Steven Bolton and his wife Karen Paduch Bolton of San Rafael, CA, Stuart Bolton and his wife Julie Hanlon Bolton of Arlington, VA, Sarah Wallbank of Lake Forest, CA, and Sharon Bolton of Denver, CO. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren. She was the sister of the late John Lebourveau and Willis LeBourveau.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion, MA at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church, PO Box 545, Marion, MA, 02738, or to Mount Holyoke College, Office of Advancement, 50 College St., South Hadley, MA 01075

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David S. Smarowski, 75, of Rochester passed away Monday, January 29, 2018 in his home with his family at his side. He was the husband of Lorraine (Ferro) Moniz.

Born in Schenectady, NY a son of the late Madeline (Goyette) Durante and the late Stanley Smarowski he lived most of his life in Wareham.

David graduated from Wareham High School. He later served in the United States Marines. After returning from the Marine Corp, he became a Wareham Police Officer and also served as a Wareham Sewer Commissioner. He was employed by Polaroid in New Bedford for 37 years until it closed in 2007. After his retirement, he worked part time as a sexton for the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

He was a member of the Fall River DAV, the Sippican Rod & Gun Club, and the New Bedford Rod & Gun Club. David loved going to the shooting range.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Marianne Rosario and her husband Richard of Weymouth, Regina Matthews of Wareham, Jana Hennessey and her husband Mark of Wareham and Melissa Smarowski of Wareham; a son, David C. Smarowski of Wareham; a sister, Shirley Smarowski of Wareham; a step daughter, Deborah Morrison and her husband James of Acushnet; a step son, Richard Moniz and his companion Lynn Cousens of Dartmouth; grandchildren, Nicole, Benjamin, and Julianne Matthews, Grace and Christopher Rosario, and Madeline and Abigail Hennessey; step grandchildren, Richard Adam Faria-Moniz, Jamie L. Moniz, and Luke J. and Ava R. Morrison; and former stepchildren, Matthew Hartley, John Mark Hartley, Shawn-Ann Schaffer, and Dana-Lyn Hartley.

His funeral was held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Rose of Lima Church, 282 Vaughn Hill Rd., Rochester. Burial was private. Visitation was held on Friday.



Geneva M. "Jenny" Roderick, 52, of New Bedford, died January 26, 2018 in St. Luke's Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Priscilla (Santos) Roderick.

She was born in Wareham and lived in Marion and New Bedford. She graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School.

Ms. Roderick worked as a Massage Therapist at Gentle Touch Spa in Westport.

She enjoyed playing the guitar and karate but mostly spending time with her family. She was a member of Four-square Family Gospel Church in Onset.

Survivors include 2 sons, Donald A. Roderick and his wife, LeeAnn of New Bedford and Andrew Roderick of New Bedford; her brothers and sisters, Alfred Roderick, Jr. of CA, Ronald Roderick of Marion, Matthew Roderick of CT, Joseph Roderick of Marion, Rita Roderick of New Bedford, Ellen Joseph of Woburn, Anna Norman of NC, Priscilla Roderick of CT, Jane Roderick of Marion and John Roderick of Roslindale; several nephews and nieces. She was the sister of the late Samuel and Ricardo Roderick.

Visiting hours were held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 in the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham, followed by a service.

Bernadette "Bunny" (McQuade) Costa, 92, of Mattapoisett died January 12, 2018 at the Sacred Heart Home in New Bedford after a period of declining health. She was the

September 18, 2018) who live in Mattapoisett. The convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. For more information, email sarahw@mattdeems.org.

Book Sale at Mattapoisett Public Library

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will hold their Second Saturday Monthly Book Sale on **February 10** from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, downstairs at the library, 7 Barstow Street. This month's offer in celebration of "Love Your Library" is buy one bag, get one free. This offer is for February only, so stop in to browse for some great deals.

The Friends wish to thank the many donors who keep the library supplied with quality book donations. Book sale proceeds enable the Friends to sponsor many of the special programs offered at the library and to make special purchases of books, museum passes, equipment, etc. Book donations are accepted at the library circulation desk during regular library hours.

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group of volunteers created to support the library. The Friends always seek adult volunteers to help with setup and during the sale, as well as help with various library events throughout the year. To become a member of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library, inquire at the book sale or look for our membership forms located at the library circulation desk.

SLT Peirson Woods Mid-Winter Walk

Join Sippican Lands Trust and walk leader, Alan Harris, for a mid-winter walk at Peirson Woods on Sunday, **February 11** starting at 1:00 pm and catch striking views of Sippican Harbor from the viewing platform overlooking Blankenship Cove. On a clear day, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and the northern Elizabeth Islands can be seen from the viewing platform at Peirson Woods.

The walk will begin at the Peirson Woods kiosk just off of Point Road at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February



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11. The parking area for Peirson Woods is located just off of Point Road approximately 1.4 miles south of the intersection of Route 6 (Wareham Road) and Point Road in Marion. Parking is very limited, so please be careful when parking your vehicle along Point Road.

The 30-acre property features a wide range of habitat from marshes to woodlands supporting herons, winter buffleheads and the protected diamondback terrapin.

The walk is free and no registration is required. If more than 3 inches of snow are on the ground, then the walk will be canceled. If the walk is canceled due to inclement weather or more than 3 inches of snow on the ground, then information will be posted to SLT's website and Facebook page. For directions or further information, visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Because of the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings

OBITUARIES

wife of the late Edward L. Alves and the late Joseph Costa.

She was born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Bernard L. and Florence (McCloskey) McQuade.

She resided in Mattapoisett most of her adult life. Prior to retiring she was a custodial worker at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

She is survived by her daughter Catherine Clark and her husband Daniel of Milford, NH; her four sons Edward Alves and his wife Lynette of Mattapoisett; Joseph Alves and his wife Judy of Martinsville, VA; John Alves and his wife Diane of Dartmouth; Paul Alves and his wife Janet of Chowinitty, NC.

She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 16 great

grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She leaves her brother Bernard McQuade of Wareham and is predeceased by her sister Mary (McQuade) Evans.

There will be a memorial service in her honor at a future date.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Sacred Heart Home for the loving care they gave to Bernadette during her time there.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com.



MOVIE REVIEW

The Blues

By Rob Gonsalves
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A *Fantastic Woman*. Starring Daniela Vega and Francisco Reyes. Directed by Sebastián Lelio. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: R. In select theaters.

The low-key but affecting Chilean drama *A Fantastic Woman*, one of 2017's Best Foreign Language Film nominees, restores the smooth melancholic power of the Alan Parsons Project's "Time," long a staple of easy-listening radio. Here it feels like a deep bruise of loss. *A Fantastic Woman* uses the common grief narrative and the less common transgender narrative to illuminate each other. Marina (Daniela Vega) is involved with an older but smitten businessman, Orlando (Francisco Reyes). After a night out for Marina's birthday, followed by a loving night in, Orlando wakes up feeling ominously poorly. Within hours he is dying of an aneurysm, while she is symbolically locked out of the room where he is being ineffectually treated. The Parsons ballad plays twice — first during their last dance, when the song carries less meaning because we don't yet know it's their last dance, and then under the end credits, when it may bring a tear.

Marina is a transgender woman, and it becomes apparent that Orlando's family hates her and considers her a freak — though I imagine they would also hate her if she were cisgender (one whose identity is aligned with one's physical body). Marina's being transgender just gives Orlando's ex-wife (Aline Küppenheim) and adult though childish son (Nicolás Saavedra) something to fixate on. Others make it an issue, too, and against the dramatic backdrop of Marina's grief and loneliness, *A Fantastic Woman* shows the thousand cuts transgender people weather daily, the endless, casually dealt challenges to their dignity and humanity, the misgendering and prurience about their bodies.

What sets the movie apart and may make it a cult favorite is that the director, Sebastián Lelio, gives Marina a poker face that hides a more flamboyant view of herself. A fantasy sequence finds her doing one of those empowering *Living Out Loud* center-of-(positive)-attention dances in a club; right afterward, she walks home alone in the rain, but for a while, anyway, Marina transcends her world. A waitress by day, Marina is also an up-and-coming singer (Daniela Vega, also a singer as well as transgender herself, has a lovely voice); this seems to indicate the partitioned lives and identities of transpeople. Marina's case attracts the attention of a detective named Adriana (Amparo Noguera), whose curiosity about



Marina seems ambiguous. In a roundabout way, Adriana seems to think Marina killed Orlando in self-defense. Adriana has seen many cases involving transpeople, you see, and she knows how often they are assaulted. I can't decide whether this reasoning is transphobic or bitterly realistic or both. But because her job demands it, Adriana must think in this way, and Marina must contend with many other people who think that way, or worse.

The scene in which Orlando's belligerent son and other family members take Marina for a non-consenting ride is uniquely upsetting even though, other than wrapping Scotch tape around her head (a weird, *weird* detail that's meant to silence her and temporarily deforms her), they don't physically harm her. It's good, I guess, that this and a few standard epithets are all they have in them; their bark is worse than their bite, and even that is a tinny "arf." It's debatable whether that's worse than the scene in which she's forced to bare first her upper half, then her lower half, for the camera of a police doctor. Or when she has to show her ID, which legally still displays her "deadname." Or when Orlando's ex-wife deadnames her. People like Marina of necessity develop a wary relationship to society, and the one person who loved her for who she was is dead.

A Fantastic Woman is and isn't an ironic title; Marina strives to be read as an average, un-fantastic woman, but there's that *chanteuse* side of her, the side that fantasizes being lifted up on the dance floor. Marina daydreams about the glamour she thinks she can't have, but there's a serene glamour in keeping one's composure despite minute-by-minute chips taken out of one's self-esteem, a million microaggressions. These concepts, obscure to the cisgender viewer, are smoothly advanced by way of a tragic tale of lost love. Essentially, like *Living Out Loud* and *Truly, Madly, Deeply* and a ton of others, it's about a grieving woman who learns how to move on; such movies' success depends more on what they do with this subject than on how original the subject is. *A Fantastic Woman* lets us see grief through a fresh pair of eyes.

were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office).



Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic

buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture. This fifth installment features 513 Point Road.

The dwelling at 513 Point Road was built in 1850 in the Italianate style. The house is prominently situated at the crossroads of Point and Delano Roads. Along with three other neighboring dwellings, the house provides an unspoiled glimpse of a rural, remote Sippican Neck before seasonal and suburban house construction transformed its appearance in the 20th century. The 1855 Marion map identifies the owner of this home as William Ellis. By 1879,

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National Online Safety Expert Katie Greer gave a presentation on February 3 to ORR students in Grades 6 through 12 on how to use technology to make the world a better place while protecting themselves from strangers and online threats. Photos by Erin Bednarczyk



Libraries have come a long way, and on Saturday during "Take Your Child to the Library Day" at the Plumb Library in Rochester, there was way more than just reading going on with Mr. Vinny and his shadow puppet show. Photos by Jean Perry

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

George Hammond, a carpenter, owned this property. In 1903, this house was owned by Charles M. Ellis, whose occupation is variously listed as contractor and "teaming and jogging." He lived here until at least 1926.

Think Valentine's Day at Open Table

Okay, so we don't have another Super Bowl victory to celebrate this year, but we can always celebrate Valentine's Day. Bring your sweetheart or your best buddy or your down-hearted football fanatic friend to Open Table on Friday, **February 9** at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. The menu is usually a surprise but it's bound to be something delicious. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. At Open Table, it's all about the food, fun and fellowship. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the meal will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community-wide event and everyone is welcome.

Tabor Academy presents *In the Heights*

Tabor Academy presents their winter musical *In the Heights* by Lin-Manuel Miranda, **February 15-17** at 7:30 pm in the Fireman Center for Performing Arts in Hoyt Hall, 235 Front Street, Marion. The show is free and seating is open.

The action of *In the Heights* chronicles the economic and emotional struggles of the Dominican, Puerto Rican, and Cuban immigrant populations of

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



"Take Your Child to the Library Day" is the day when libraries get to shine. At the Mattapoisett Library, kids lined up for an original work of balloon art by Chip Rascal while they also explored the various non-book offerings in the children's section. Photos by Jean Perry



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Washington Heights, NYC. All of the characters wrestle with paying bills, finding love, and reconciling dreams with realities. Faced with adversity, they turn to music and dance to rediscover hope and joy. Although the story spans a mere three days over July 4th in Washington Heights, *In the Heights*' journey to its Broadway debut marked a nine-year odyssey.

The show's creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda, wrote the first draft in 1999 as a sophomore at Wesleyan University. In the spring of 2000, Miranda and friends staged the show at Wesleyan's Second Stage Theater. Between 2002 and 2005, Miranda partnered with Quiara Alegria Hudes and a few other talents, rewriting an additional five drafts. *Heights* then re-opened at the Eugene O'Neill Theater in Waterford, CT in 2005 and, after even more re-tooling, opened again Off Broadway in 2007. Nine Drama Desk Awards and an Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Musical later, *In the Heights* opened on February 14, 2008 at the Richard Rodgers Theater on Broadway.

Over the next four years the show ran for 1185 performances and earned thirteen Tony Nominations including Awards for Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Choreography, and Best Orchestrations. Miranda, who played the lead, bodega-owner Usnavi de la Vega, had arrived.

All of this *preceded* the star-studded celebrity and imagination-bending artistry of *Hamilton*. Of his work Miranda has said, "To engender empathy and create a world using only words is the closest thing we have to magic."

The cast and crew of Tabor Academy, over 40 strong, is excited to share their work and hopes you will come out and enjoy the show. With plenty of salsa, break dancing, rap, and hip-hop, the show is not your typical Broadway musical. Come out and enjoy something new and fresh at Tabor.

Marion Natural History Museum

Not travelling during February vacation? No problem. The Marion Natural History Museum will take you to climb Mt. Everest ... or to the bottom of the ocean



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MAC Dance Academy

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 28-Feb 3

- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Planting Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Blueberry Way – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Family offense
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Cove's End Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – Transport
- Delano Rd – General offense
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Hartley Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Vandalism/in progress
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 28-Feb 3

- Church St – Health/welfare
- Lebaron Way – Suspicious MV
- Alderberry Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Narcotics/drugs
- Acushnet Rd – Arrest/warrant
- Gosnold St – Assist citizen
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Church St – General service
- North St – Disabled MV
- Highland View Ave – Suspicious persons
- Martin Ave – MV lockout
- Acushnet Rd – Restraining order service
- Quansett East Rd – 911 call
- North St – MV crash
- Alderberry Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Alderberry Ln – Unwanted person
- County Rd – MV crash
- Alderberry Ln – Narcotics/drugs
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Notification
- County Rd – Ambulance request
- I195 East – Ambulance request
- Pine St – Assault
- County Rd – Disturbance
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Pine St – Serve warrant
- Main St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Grand Ave – Animal control
- Pine St – Restraining order service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 28-Feb 3

- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Clapp Rd – Ambulance request
- Neck Rd – Noise complaint
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Officer wanted
- Robinson Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marys Pond Rd – Ambulance request
- Paradise Ln – Paper service
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Ambulance
- Braley Hill Rd – MV accident
- Rounseville Rd – 911 hang up
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV accident
- North Ave – MV accident
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Gerrish Rd – Health/welfare
- New Bedford Rd – MV accident
- Bowens Ln – MV accident
- Rounsiville Rd – Suspicious person
- Walnut Plain Rd – Ambulance request
- Pine St – Suspicious activity
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV accident
- Marys Pond Rd – Ambulance request
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cross Rd – Assist citizen
- New Bedford Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Mendell Rd – Assist other agency
- Snipatuit Rd – MV accident
- Benson Rd – Ambulance request

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 12: Shredded cheese, American chop suey, Roman vegetables, dinner roll, pears, yogurt cup

Tuesday, Feb 13: Unsalted saltines, Spanish soup, chicken w/peach salsa, Spanish rice, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, Feb 14: Shredded cheese, stuffed shells w/tomato sauce, California vegetables, oatmeal roll, red velvet cupcake, diet: low sugar cake

Thursday, Feb 15: Cheeseburger, ketchup & mustard, potato wedges, cabbage & carrots, whole wheat hamburger roll, peaches

Friday, Feb 16: "Catch of the Day", lemon dill sauce, Florentine rice, brussel sprouts, multigrain bread, mixed fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 12: Homemade chicken noodle soup, cheesy bread stick, hummus w/carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Tuesday, Feb 13: Homemade lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread stick **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Wednesday, Feb 14: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, cheese stick, strawberry cup, sweetheart jell-o w/whip topping **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Thursday, Feb 15: Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Friday, Feb 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 12: Homemade chicken noodle, cheesy bread stick, hummus w/carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Tuesday, Feb 13: *new* Homemade lasagna rollups, tossed salad, garlic bread stick **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Wednesday, Feb 14: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, cheese stick, strawberry cup, sweetheart jell-o w/whip topping **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Thursday, Feb 15: Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice, glazed carrots, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Friday, Feb 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 12: Build a burger: seasoned potato wedges, three bean salad **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps

Tuesday, Feb 13: Homemade chicken broccoli Alfredo **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps

Wednesday, Feb 14: Pancakes/French toast,

sausage, hash browns, strawberry cup **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps

Thursday, Feb 15: Orange chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps

Friday, Feb 16: Grilled cheese, tomato basil soup, oyster crackers, sliced cucumbers **2nd choice:** Deli bar, soup bar, pizza bar **3rd choice:** Grab n go salads & wraps

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 12: Homemade soup & croissant-wich, hummus w/carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Tuesday, Feb 13: Teriyaki chicken dippers, glazed carrots, crinkle cut French fries, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Wednesday, Feb 14: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, cheese stick, strawberry cup, sweetheart jell-o w/whip topping **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Thursday, Feb 15: Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Friday, Feb 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 12: Homemade chicken noodle soup, cheesy bread stick, hummus w/carrot & celery sticks **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Tuesday, Feb 13: Homemade lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread stick **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Wednesday, Feb 14: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, cheese stick, strawberry cup, sweetheart jell-o w/whip topping **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Thursday, Feb 15: Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

Friday, Feb 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Cranberry chicken salad

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 12: Sloppy Joe, fries & corn **2nd choice:** Build-a-baked potato **3rd choice:** Crispy chicken

Tuesday, Feb 13: Chicken nuggets, fries, bread & steamed carrots **2nd choice:** Chicken fajita nachos **3rd choice:** Cheeseburger wrap or big mac wrap

Wednesday, Feb 14: Assorted lunch day **2nd choice:** Loaded hot dog **3rd choice:** Pilgrim wrap

Thursday, Feb 15: Italian sub & fries **2nd choice:** Loaded fries bowl **3rd choice:** Burritos

Friday, Feb 16: Assorted stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad **2nd choice:** Taco nachos **3rd choice:** Crispy chicken

Instructor of MAC Dance Academy and is now registering children ages 3-6 for a spring 2018 session of classes. Classes are being offered on Mondays starting on March 12 and will run a total of 8 weeks (but no classes will be held during school vacation week) with a Parent Watch Day scheduled in May. Three different levels of classes teaching introductory skills in ballet, tap and light tumbling are offered and geared toward different age groups including (1) Preschool: for those 3-4 years of age; (2) KinderStep: for those 4-5 years of age; and (3) Beginner: for those 5-6 years of age.

Shelly Richins, President of the Board of Directors at the Marion Art Center, commented, "Teah developed such a following and coveted program here years ago. We feel so fortunate to have her return." She continued, "And this spring session is a precursor of plans to roll out a bigger program during the next school year, so we are excited about the potential for growth and offering more to our local community."

Registration is now available online at <http://www.marionartcenter.org/classes/mac-dance-academy/>. Although membership is not required to take dance classes, Marion Art Center members who have family membership or higher do receive a discount on classes. The current membership year runs August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.

Teah Keogh is a classically taught dancer in the genres of ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and gymnastics. She previously taught second grade for eight years and ESL for two years in the Old Rochester Regional school district and also coached the ORR Dance Team for two years. Teah ran MAC Dance Academy for five years before moving to Denver and has just recently returned to the Tri-Town area.

MAC Dance Academy is a low-key academy providing extraordinary dance instruction in the areas of ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop and gymnastics in a safe learning environment. For more information about MAC Dance Academy, call 508-748-1266, email marionartcenter@verizon.net, or stop by the Marion Art Center located at 80 Pleasant Street (corner of Main and Pleasant) during gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday

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Rochester Council on Aging

Friday, **February 9**, the Rochester Council on Aging will present a "Years of Remembrance" Program at 1:30 pm.

Monday, **February 12**, South Coastal County Legal Services Appointments are available from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Tuesday, **February 13**, the Happy Hookers meet at 10:00 am.

Wednesday, **February 14**, the FRIENDS Board

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4 Tangos, e.g.
10 Singer Anka
14 May greeting card
19 "C'— la vie" ("That's life")
20 Tristan's love
21 Up to the job
22 Bayer brand
23 Anorak, for Alaska?
25 Set no spending limits?
27 Injury-sorting process
28 Tell a story
30 Drum set?
31 Brit Jones played by Renée Zellweger?
35 "Barbarella" star Jane
37 Suffix similar to -ette
38 Baseball's Tony La —
39 Frat letters
41 Tenth mo.
43 Actress Tomei
46 Decide to order ravioli?
50 Old comics girl

- 53 Soap format
54 Baseball's Pee Wee
55 Place for actor
57 Party food provider
59 González in 2000 headlines
60 Lovers' god
62 "No" vote
63 That miss
66 Agents, in brief
67 Tyke sitting on a fireplace floor?
72 Tibia locale
73 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
74 Iniquity
75 "... for — know"
76 Empathetic comment
77 Suffer humiliation
81 Furnish supplies to Oregon's capital?
84 Box in a den
87 — borealis
89 Friendly teasing
90 Jet kept in reserve?

DOWN

- 92 Hobbled along
93 — -Cat
94 Go higher
95 Set — (decide when to wed)
97 Egg: Prefix
100 Pickling liquid
102 Yeast used to treat illness?
107 Dad's sister
108 — Bessette-Kennedy
111 Dress
112 Activity held between work hours?
114 Apt word spelled out by the letters added to 10 answers in this puzzle
118 "Uncle Miltie"
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120 Faraway
121 — Jones Average
122 Williams of "Happy Days"
123 Gotten a glimpse of
124 Grog drinker
125 Lennon lover

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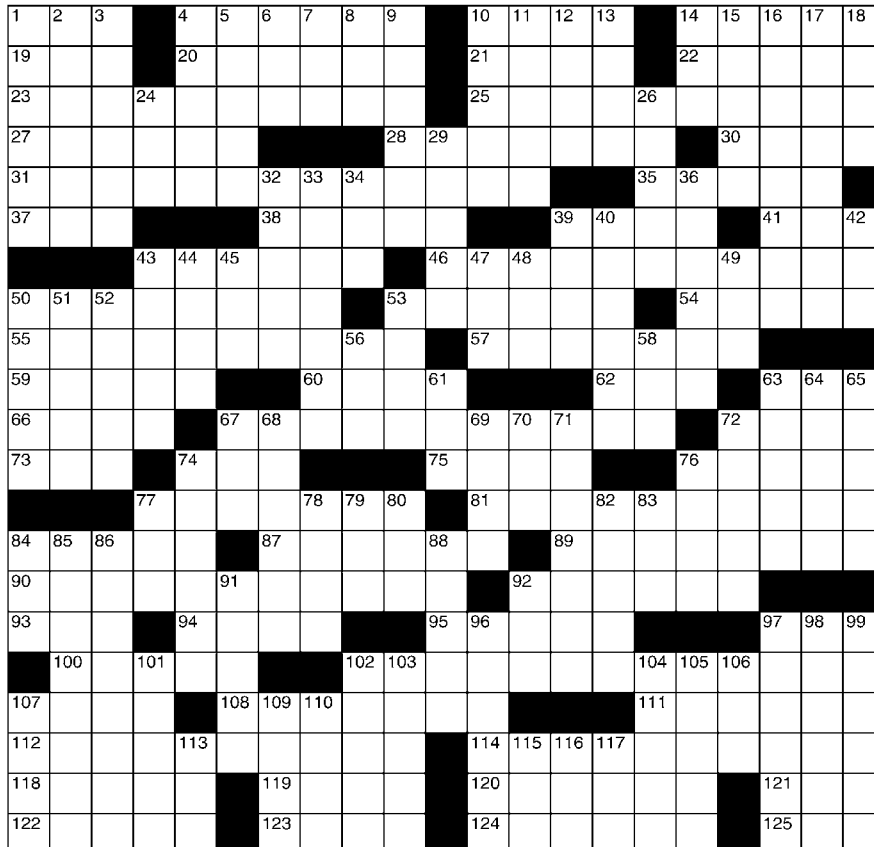
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11 Call off, as a launch
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15 Bygone
16 Huge vitamin intake, e.g.
17 Hams it up
18 New York team
24 Tiny bit
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29 Best competitive effort, informally
32 Big name in water filters
33 Stole cattle
34 "The Lady — Tramp"
36 Kind of hawk
39 Bog fuel

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43 — a wet hen
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45 Arena arbiter
47 Oval part
48 Korean car
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51 Chronicles
52 Baloney
53 Bluebonnet
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58 Cheering cry
61 — Na Na
63 Slate source
64 Employing person
65 Hostile party
67 Assembly aid
68 Using uppercase
69 Lanchester of old films
70 Flying stat
71 Abbott & Costello musical
72 Parboil
74 Titan's planet
76 Atoll unit
77 Comics cry
78 Ordinance
79 "... cup — cone?"

DOWN

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82 Llama cousin
83 Laotian currency unit
84 Conan's network
85 Eighth U.S. president
86 Disdainful people
88 Good to go
91 Portion
92 Fond du —
96 Iraqi currency units
97 City in Spain
98 Lillian — (gift retailer)
99 Ring combo
101 Author — Calvino
102 Three-card street scam
103 John of rock
104 Milk: Prefix
105 Bygone anesthetic
106 \$\$\$ dispenser
107 "Chiquitita" quartet
109 Alamo rival
110 Russo of film
113 Boy toy?
115 Brewed maff
116 Oversharing initialism
117 Co. owned by Verizon



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. But caution is still advised through the end of the week. Until then, a step-by-step approach is best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That cooperation you request could come at too high a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor a quieter time spent getting closer to the people who are especially important to you. There's always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause more-serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be more patient with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what's right. The fact is, there's a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It should be easier to assess the facts you'll need to make an important decision. But don't commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on that new project. Expect some setbacks. But on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now. But your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping, happily as ever.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might prefer sticking with your current schedule. But some newly emerging information could persuade you to consider a change. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reject a suggested change. But it could be wise to go with the flow, at least for a while. You can always return to your first plan if you like.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're bolstered by both the practical and poetic sides of your nature as you maneuver through some unsettled emotional situations. Things ease up by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: People reach out to your generosity and wisdom, and consider you a treasured and trusted friend.

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Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am, followed by the blood pressure clinic at 10:30 am.

A reminder that the Greater Boston Food Bank Pick-up is from 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm.

The Fitness Room Program is now open five days a week, four hours a day. A \$10/month membership per person, due the first of each month, entitles members to utilize the room as often as they'd like. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am - noon and Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Fitness Room Program is monitored by Senior Aide Andrea Meunier of Coastline Elderly Services.

On-going programs at the center include:

Fitness: Chair Yoga, Zumba GOLD, Cardio Dance-Fit, Stepping & Stretching

Dance: Line Dancing and Ballroom Dance Classes

Games: Bingo, Scrabble

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Grocery Shopping at Market Basket every Wednesday

Friday Movies at 1:30 pm (call the center by Wednesday for title of Friday movie)

Call the center at 508-763-8723 for times and days.

Mattapoisett Library News

Bruins and Libraries Team Up with Pajama

Drive. Patrons of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library are encouraged to donate new pajamas for babies, children, and teens through March 15 as part of a Boston Bruins and Massachusetts Libraries partnership to help youth in need. This year's state-wide goal is 10,000 pairs of pajamas, and when that goal is reached, each participating library will receive two pre-season Bruins tickets for the 2018-19 season to be used for a free drawing. Other prizes to libraries are also available.

Collection boxes can be found in both the children's department and the upstairs reading room, or pjs can be given to any staff member. Staff from the Department of Children and Families along with Cradles to Crayons will distribute the pajamas to youth in their care throughout the Commonwealth.

When shopping this month, please look for cozy pajamas to share with children. Anyone is welcome to participate.

Library Book Discussion Group. The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be Sunday, **February 11** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. The group is discussing *The Glass Universe* by Dava Sobel. This fascinating account details the lesser known facts about the women of the Harvard Observatory who contributed their computational skills to the study of the universe in the mid-nineteenth century. Their work forever changed our understanding of the stars. Dava Sobel is the award-winning author of *Longitude* and *Galileo's Daughter*.

Copies of the book are available at the adult circulation desk. Everyone is welcome to attend, and light refreshments are served.



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Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting Rides

Do you need a ride to the Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting on **February 12**? If so, the Mattapoisett Council on Aging will provide transportation to the February 12 Special Town Meeting being held at Old Rochester Regional High School at 6:30 pm. The Special Town Meeting will have two warrant articles that seek to impose zoning bylaws placing moratoriums on recreational and medical marijuana sales in Mattapoisett until December 31, 2018. Call 508-758-4100 ext. 4 if you need a ride. Please leave your name, telephone number and address when you call.

The NBSO Is "Puttin' on the Ritz"

Save the date for this year's razzle dazzle Symphony Seaside Swing! A vintage 1920s cabaret evening will take place on Saturday, **June 2**, when the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra hosts its annual Seaside Swing fundraiser at the Kittansett Club in Marion. This year's seaside gala features a "High Hats & Flapper Show" as well as signature cocktails, an elegant dinner, dancing to the music of the NBSO Swing Band, and a fabulous auction where guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique and interesting items.

A number of sponsorship packages are available for \$1,000 to \$10,000, including tickets, and all support levels include recognition in the Seaside Swing invitation and Seaside Swing program book, as well as in the

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<p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:10 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street to consider the Special Permit application of CAROLYN G. MARTIN under Sections 230-7.4 C, 230-4.1B, 230-4.2, 230-8.5 of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Marion to allow a "Pier as an Accessory Use" to a residential dwelling. The property is located at 282 Delano Road and is identified as Lot 5 on Marion Assessor's Map 5. Eileen J. Marum, Chairman Stephen J. Kokkins, Vice-Chairman 2/1, 2/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. DOUGLAS SCHNEIDER & ASSOCIATES, INC. pertaining to the property located at 12 North Drive, further identified as Map 6, Lot 17.</p> <p>The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.102 (2): Deep Observation Hole Test</p> <p>Request a variance from the requirement that a minimum of two test holes be performed at every disposal area. 310 CMR 15.104 (4): Percolation Testing</p> <p>Request a variance from the requirement that two percolation tests be performed – one each within the proposed primary and reserve area.</p> <p>The following is a statement of hardship justifying this application for the requested variances: 310 CMR 15.102 (2): Deep Observation Hole Test</p> <p>The frozen ground conditions make it challenging to comply with this requirement. 310 CMR 15.104 (4): Percolation Testing</p> <p>The frozen ground conditions together with a seasonal high groundwater make it challenging to comply with this requirement. John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 2/1, 2/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:15 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. ENGINEERING, INC. pertaining to the property located at 30 Rocky Knook Lane, further identified as Map 26, Lot 51.</p> <p>The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.211(1): Minimum Setback Distances</p> <p>To allow the minimum distance between the soil absorption system and the property line be 7.5 feet rather than the 10 foot requirement. 310 CMR 15.212(1)(b):</p> <p>To allow the minimum vertical separation distance between the bottom of the stone underlying the soil absorption above the high groundwater elevation be 4 feet rather than 5 feet in soils with a recorded percolation rate two min-</p>	<p>utes per inch or less. 310 CMR 15.240(5): To allow the soil absorption system be designed for two bedrooms rather than the minimum of three bedrooms. John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 2/1, 2/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT/ BAY CLUB REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS 16 Main Street Mattapoisett and 63 County Rd Mattapoisett respectively. The proposed project is to brush cut 2 entry paths to Tinkham Forest, one each from Split Rock Lane and Fieldstone Drive. The project is located at Tinkham Forest off Split Rock Lane, and is further identified as Lot 27.A on Assessor Map 6. 2/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by WILLOW CREEK BUILDERS, LLC, 3 Belcher Street, Plainville, MA 02762 for property located at 157 Forbes Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 42 on Assessor's Map 19A. The applicant proposes the installation of a new private well and the construction of a dwelling near the 100-foot Buffer Zone of an isolated vegetated wetland. The only activity within the 100-foot Buffer Zone will be grading; there will be no grading or other activity in the 25-foot No Disturb Zone. Erosion control measures will be implemented.</p> <p>The applicant's representative is Stephen E. Meltzer, Esq., Edgewood Development Company, LLC, 3 Belcher Street, Plainville, MA 02762. The property owner of record is Connet Woods, LLC, 3 Belcher Street, Plainville, MA 02762. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 2/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will reopen a public hearing previously closed on February 14, 2017. The reopened hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room regarding a Major Modification for a Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit and Site Plan Approval application received from CLEAN ENERGY COLLECTIVE, LLC, 146 West Boylston Drive, Worcester, MA 01606 for property now located at 248 Mattapoisett Road, Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 4, portion of Lot1, Lots 1A and 7. The property owner is Donald F. and Eunice W. Jenkins Estate (Lot 1) and Michael R. and Johann Forand (Lots 1A and 7), 268 Mattapoisett Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The proposed project is for the construction of a Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation.</p>	<p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/8, 2/15</p> <hr/> <p>OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Aaron Polansky, Superintendent-</p> <p>Director of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District was informed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of an upcoming Coordinated Program Review that will be taking place this school year. As part of this Coordinated Program Review, Department staff will visit the district during the week of April 2, 2018. Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth. The Department is reviewing several programs during a single visit in order to use Department and school staff's time most efficiently and to encourage strong connections among the programs.</p> <p>The Department's Coordinated Program Review will address the following programs: Special Education; Civil Rights; English Learner Education; and Career & Technical Education. After reviewing school district procedures for these programs, a Department team will make its onsite visit, during which it will review individual student records, interview administrators, teachers and paraprofessional staff, survey parents and observe instructional spaces. After the onsite visit it will prepare a report for the superintendent and school committee, with detailed findings for each program.</p> <p>Using a scale of ratings ranging from "Commendable" to "Not Implemented," the report will rate the implementation of each requirement reviewed by the Department. Where requirements are found not implemented or only partially implemented, the district must propose to the Department corrective action to bring those areas into compliance with statutes and regulations. Districts and schools are encouraged to incorporate the corrective action into their district and school improvement plans and professional development plan. The school district will be provided with technical assistance from the Department in developing a corrective action plan. Both the Department's report and the corrective action plan are public information and will be available to the public upon request. Program Review Final Reports are also available on the Department's Internet website at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/>.</p> <p>Any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the Department's visiting team. Those wishing to be interviewed should call the superintendent's office at (508)763-8011 ext. 116 no later than March 18, 2018, to leave their name and phone number, or they may call the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at (781)338-3745. A member of the visiting team will contact each person desiring an interview within two weeks after the completion of the onsite visit. If an individual is not comfortable communicating in English or requires some other accommodation, the Department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual. 2/8</p>

concert season program book and on the NBSO website. Individual tickets for the event are \$200. To order tickets or for more details on sponsorships, call the NBSO at 508-999-6276. All proceeds from "Puttin' on the Ritz" will help support the NBSO's educational programs and concert series.

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Mattapoisett Library Children's Events

The following February events will take place in the Children's Department at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library during February School Vacation:

- Wednesday, **February 21** at 3:30 pm: Register in advance to come to a live reptile show. Jeffrey Beatriz of Acushnet's Cold Blooded Reptiles will be at the library for a fun, safe and informative hands-on experience with various live reptiles from all over the world. All ages welcome; children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult during the program. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library.
- Thursday, **February 22** at 10:30 am: Morning Movie at the Library. Watch Disney's animated film *101 Dalmatians* and enjoy free popcorn. No registration required.
- Friday, **February 23** at 2:00 pm: Make a snowman out of a recycled bottle – free, all materials provided, children under 8 must bring an adult helper. Spaces are limited; please register for this program by February 21 in the children's department (as space allows).

Heritage Recipe Project

Do you have one or two family recipes that are part of your family's history? Or do you have a family favorite, a tried and true recipe that is always a hit? Or how about that recipe you whip up to please your dinner

guests?

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is launching the Heritage Recipe Project. When you share your recipes with the Historical Commission, you'll be adding a bit of your family's history to the community's melting pot.

Your recipes will be posted to the Historical Commission's webpage located at www.mattapoisett.net. Join in the fun and flavors of Mattapoisett – send your Heritage Recipe to marilounewell@gmail.com.

Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club invites members and guests to join our monthly meeting on Friday, **February 9** at 12:30 pm. We will meet at our club house, 152 Front Street, Marion. Our program will be on Deer Ticks: One Bite Can Change Your Life, presented by Larry Dapsis, entomologist for Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, in addition to Blake Dinius, entomologist for Plymouth County Cooperative Extension.

Lyme disease is the most prevalent infectious disease in Massachusetts. The Town of Marion has the highest incidence rate of Lyme disease in Plymouth County followed by Rochester. The disease is now considered a public health crisis. In addition to Lyme, deer ticks can carry the pathogens which cause babesiosis, anaplasmosis, relapsing fever and powassan virus, all of which can be fatal and are on the increase.



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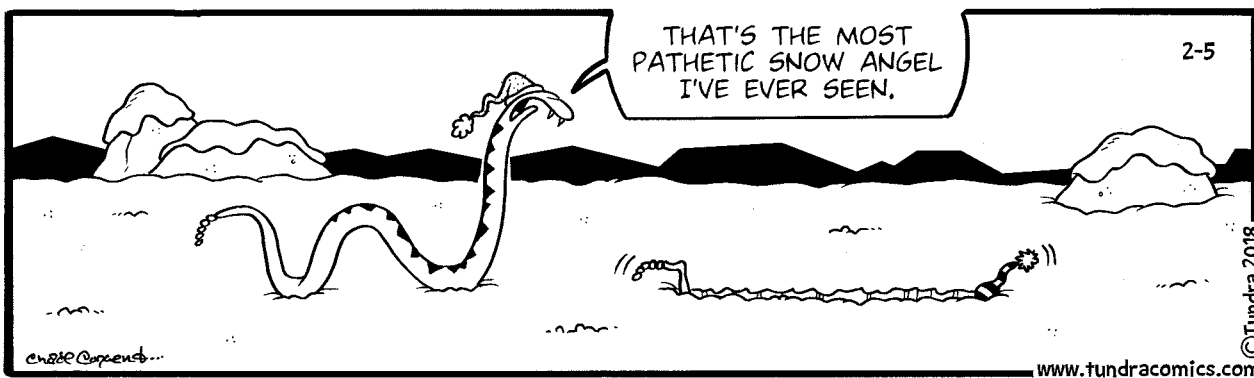
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by Dave T. Phipps



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Tick season is January to December. With above freezing temperatures and a break in snow cover, there will be deer tick activity.

This program will review the basic life cycle and ecology of deer ticks, the incidence rates and distribution of tick-borne illnesses, and the database under development on infection rates of ticks. A three-point protection plan will be presented: Protect Yourself, Protect Your Yard and Protect your Pet. Tick-borne diseases are preventable.

The Sippican Woman's Club meets on the second Friday of the month (September through March) at 12:30 pm, with a finger foods served, followed by a business meeting at 1:00 pm and program at 1:30 pm. The meetings are held at The Sippican Woman's Club, Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street, Marion. Parking is available at Island Wharf Road parking lot (across from the Music Hall). Guests may RSVP to: Info@SippicanWomansClub.org. For membership information, contact Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619 or visit our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

This Spud's For You

The Tri-Town community is warmly invited to join us at the First Congregational Church of Rochester for our Second Service Supper on Sunday, **February 18** in the Fellowship Hall at 11 Constitution Way. Attend our afternoon service at 5:00 pm and stay for dinner at 6:00 pm. There will be salad and a baked potato bar with lots



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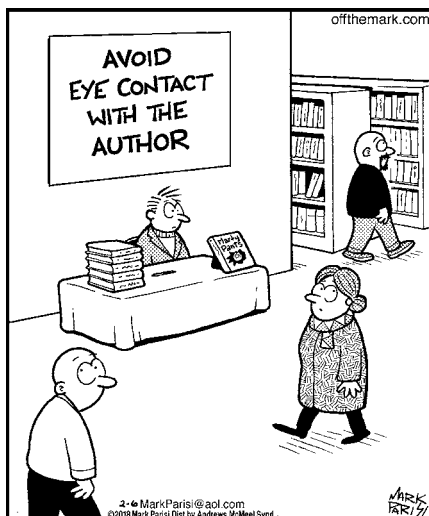
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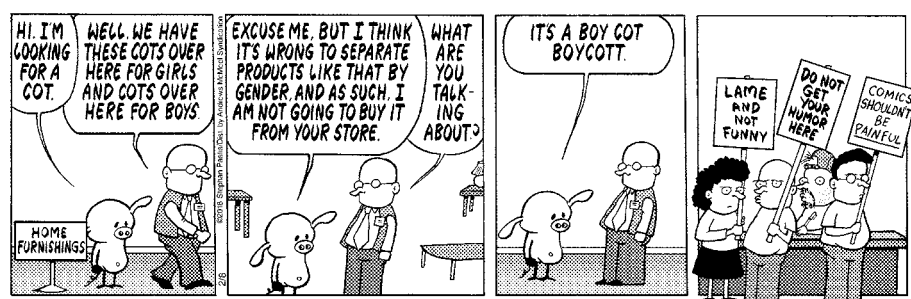
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

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Carol Tirrell	February 8
Claire Morel	February 8
Craig LeBlanc	February 8
Gerry Gonneville	February 8
Karen Alexander	February 8
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Ty Evan MacKenzie	February 12
Caroline Thomas	February 13
Dan Eilertsen	February 13
Elijah Richards-Auld	February 13
Gary LeBlanc	February 13
Zack Mourao	February 13
Jordan Collyer	February 14
Kaylan Setler	February 14
Mia O'Connor	February 14
Paul Gagnon Jr.	February 14
Valentyna Bindas	February 14

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Rochester Democratic Caucus

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will hold its caucus on Saturday, **February 10** from 11:00 to 11:30 am in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention that will be held at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA on Saturday, June 2.

The Democratic Committee welcomes everyone, but only registered Democrats can vote or run for delegate. Voter registration forms will be available at the caucus for same day registration. Any resident of the town may register to vote as a Democrat and participate in the caucus.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **February 12** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. At this February 12 meeting, the Committee will elect five (5) delegates to attend and participate at the Massachusetts Republican Convention in Worcester on April 28. All Marion Republicans are invited and encouraged to attend. Any Marion Republican (registered as of December 31, 2017) may seek to be elected by the Committee to serve as a delegate at the Convention. The public is invited to attend this event as well.

SHS Speakers' Series

The Sippican Historical Society will host a Speakers' Series entitled "House Stories: The Meanings of Home in a New England Town" on **February 8** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

Beth Luey writes about the history behind the doors of historic homes in New England towns. She tells the stories of those who lived or worked in 12 homes in Fairhaven, MA. She will speak to us about how she



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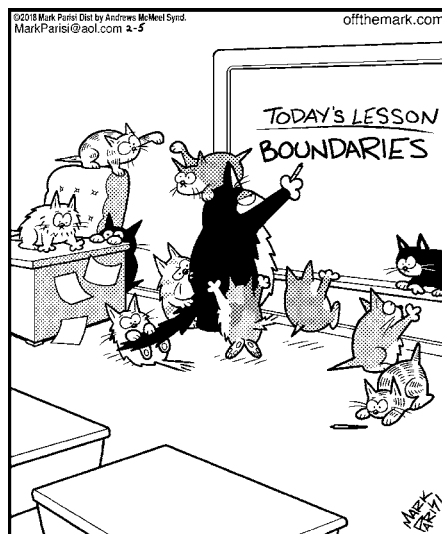
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Beth Luey taught in the history department at Arizona State University until her retirement in 2006, when she and her husband moved to Fairhaven. She has written several books about scholarly publishing and book history, but *House Stories* is her first venture into local history. We know that you will be fascinated by the stories she has discovered.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Pancake Supper

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, **February 13** (also known as Shrove Tuesday) from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. All are welcome to attend for pancakes, sausage, toppings, drinks and good conversation. There will be a freewill offering to help support a missions trip to the Craddock Center in Georgia.

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Marion Natural History Museum After-School Programs

The Marion Natural History Museum will offer the following programs through the winter and spring:

February 14: Whales of Buzzards Bay with Woods Hole marine mammal biologist Michael Moore. Dr. Moore will discuss the biology of whales we might see along our coast, with special focus on the humpback whale. He'll speak about how the current population of this species is faring and what we may or may not see in years to come. This program promises to be an exciting opportunity to ask Dr. Moore questions about these animals and explore some of the museum's relevant collections.

February 28: BARK! Have you ever noticed how trees have different types of bark? Some smooth, some deeply furrowed, but all serve an important purpose. Let's learn a little about tree identification using characteristics other than leaves.

March 14: Animal Track, Scat and Sign Basics. Gnawed wood, deer scat, and animal tracks left in the snow or mud. Come join us for a fun-filled adventure to learn about different animal tracks, how animals move, and the signs animals leave behind.

March 28: Designing with sticks and stones. Have you ever built a fort out of sticks? Some people might consider that a form of art as well as cover. We'll be looking at examples of different arrangements of simple items from nature (sand, rocks, twigs, leaves) to create art, and attempt to create a simple piece ourselves.

April 4: Backyard Bugs. Together we will take a closer look into our own backyards at the world of insects. We will explore some of the insects we might find and how they have overcome challenges we would never consider. Come join us as we dive into the mysterious and misunderstood micro-cosmos of the insect world with Blake Dinius, Entomologist with Plymouth County Cooperative Extension

April 11: Early spring bird walk. Join us while we learn about some of the birds we see at our feeders or only glimpse briefly in flight. Justin Barrett, from the Nasketucket Bird Club, will be leading our walk. Please

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May 9: Bird Island trip with Isaac Perry and the Marion Harbormaster's office. We will see the habitat of some of the world's rarest birds. This program fills very fast so please register early!

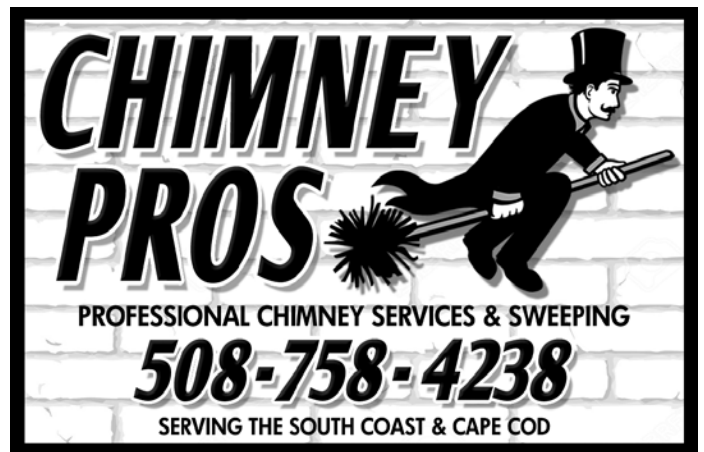
May 16: This IS rocket science! Join us while learning about propulsion and lift with Mike Cronin. Each child will have his/her own rocket with motor to assemble and set off. The cost for this program is \$20 per participant. Submit payment to Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 12 children. The program is limited to children ages 6 and older, on a first-come, first-served basis. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with rocket assembly. For more information, go to www.marionmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen has voted to hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **February 12** at Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

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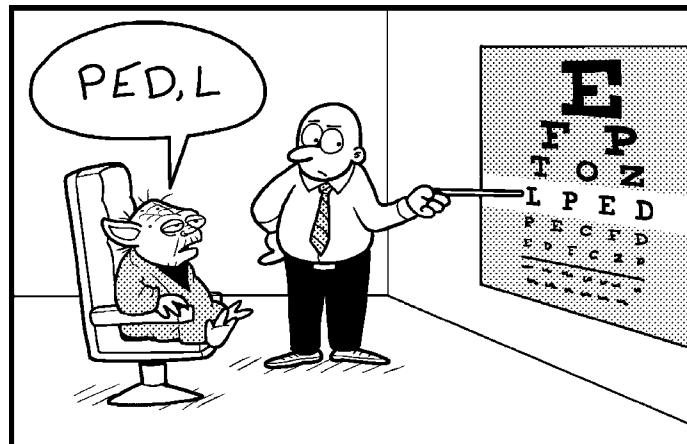
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Friday	February 9	3:00	3:21	9:42	8:55
Saturday	February 10	4:03	4:24	10:30	9:55
Sunday	February 11	5:01	5:18	11:09	10:46
Monday	February 12	5:48	6:02	11:47	11:31
Tuesday	February 13	6:28	6:41	...	12:24
Wednesday	February 14	7:03	7:18	12:14	1:02
Thursday	February 15	7:37	7:53	12:56	1:38
Friday	February 16	8:11	8:29	1:37	2:11
Saturday	February 17	8:47	9:06	2:16	2:42
Sunday	February 18	9:25	9:46	2:53	3:12
Monday	February 19	10:07	10:30	3:30	3:44
Tuesday	February 20	10:54	11:18	4:08	4:20
Wednesday	February 21	11:45	...	4:51	5:03
Thursday	February 22	12:10	12:40	5:45	5:54
Friday	February 23	1:06	1:38	6:56	6:58
Saturday	February 24	2:07	2:42	8:42	8:13
Sunday	February 25	3:15	3:51	10:13	9:30

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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EATCROW	STOCKS	SALEM	
TVSET	AURORA	RAILLERY	
BACKUP	PLANE	LIMPED	
SNO	RISE	ADATE	OVO
BRINE	MEDICAL	LEAVEN	
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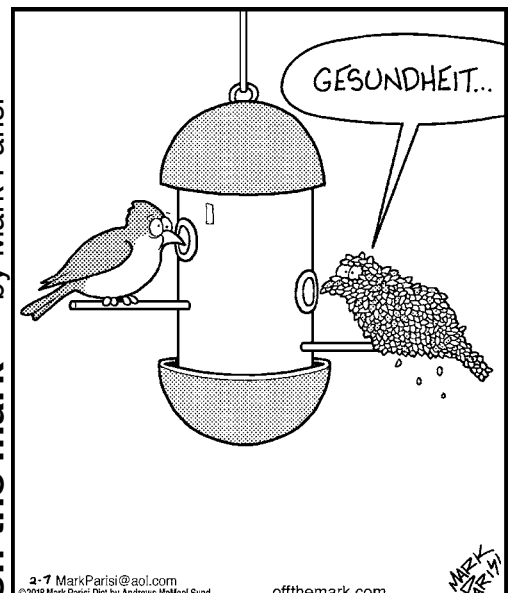
1. Trudge; 2. Sharp;
3. Ignore; 4. Escape

Today's Word
GARAGE

Sudoku Answer

4	2	6	1	7	9	3	8	5
9	3	7	8	5	2	6	4	1
8	1	5	6	3	4	2	7	9
5	8	2	4	9	1	7	3	6
6	9	3	7	2	5	4	1	8
7	4	1	3	6	8	9	5	2
3	5	9	2	1	7	8	6	4
2	6	4	5	8	3	1	9	7
1	7	8	9	4	6	5	2	3

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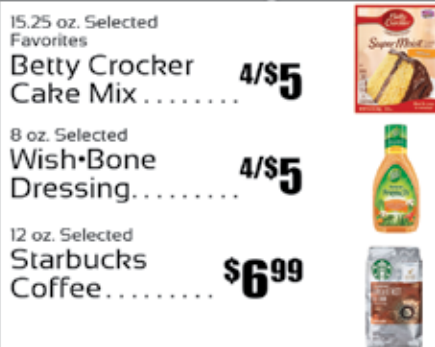
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